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Royal Observer Corps to be axed

Baker announces drastic civil defence cuts

By Michael Evans and Quentin Cowdry

BRITAIN'S civil defence capability is to be severely reduced, the government said yesterday. The Royal Observer Corps, a key player in the country's air warning system for 66 years, is to be disbanded as part of a substantial slimming down of civil defence to reflect the reduced threat of nuclear war.

The announcement came as Tom King, the defence secretary, promised MPs never to put the country's defences at risk.

Mr King's pledge was made during a Commons defence committee hearing after he had faced criticism for planning to reduce the army from 156,000 to 116,000, the government's principal response to the end of the Cold War and the reduced threat in Europe.

He reacted angrily when John Lee, a former Conservative defence minister, asked whether he would consider resigning if he felt resources were inadequate to defend the country. Mr King said: "I do not think I have to demonstrate my commitment to this country, or my determination to do my best for my country. I am not here to see the defences of this country put at risk."

Mr King was confronted by more anxious MPs last night, this time 25 Tory backbenchers, who urged caution in cutting the army. But their criticism was more muted than the defence committee members.

Under the new civil defence regime, announced by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, in a Commons written answer, emergency planners will be required to provide only one underground communications bunker a county instead of three. Warning time of a threatened nuclear attack has been increased from seven days to up to three months.

The shake-up in civil defence will involve the standing down of the Royal Observer Corps, which has 9,300 uniformed volunteers and a 170-strong civil service staff. Ministers consider that technological advances in radar and the measuring of radioactive fall-out have made the corps obsolete.

Earlier Mr King rejected accusations from MPs on the defence committee that the proposed cuts in the armed forces had been ordered by the Treasury, not by the Ministry of Defence as part of a strategic plan. He said the "options for change" policy was based on a strategic assessment of Britain's defence requirements, and was not driven by cash-saving demands from the Treasury. He admitted, however, that the exercise was "resource-disciplined".

Mr King said it was his responsibility to make the best use of resources, and blamed previous political decisions which had prevented the armed forces from getting the best equipment. He said he would be far happier when, in a few years, the army would have 500 Challenger tanks, instead of the present 1,000 tanks, many of which were "elderly in the extreme and unreliable in the extreme".

Facing questions on the defence white paper published on Tuesday, Mr King said 30,000 personnel would go from the British Army of the Rhine, 3,000 from Berlin, 2,000 from Hong Kong and 5,000 from training personnel and staff in the United Kingdom. The total number of military personnel in Germany would be about 29,000 by 1994, comprising 23,000 army and 6,000 RAF, compared with 67,000 at present.

His spirited defence of the cuts bodes ill for army chiefs who are determined to fight the proposal to reduce the number of infantry battalions from 55 to 36. Their cause is being supported by an increasing number of influential Conservative backbenchers.

Winston Churchill, Conservative MP for Davyhulme, wondered why there was no change in Mr King's cuts proposals since his options for change announcement in July last year. In the intervening 12 months, he said, there had been a war in the Gulf and the Soviet Union had moved 58,000 pieces of military equipment behind the Ural mountains when they should have been earmarked for destruction under the Conventional Forces in Europe treaty.

☐ The army fears that Mr King may be reneging on his promise to have smaller but better armed forces. Army sources have noted that Mr King has changed the wording of his promise from "better" to "better equipped". As far as the army is concerned the government pledge involved not just equipment but accommodation and training.

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Kinnocks let CND membership lapse

By Philip Webster, chief political correspondent

NEIL Kinnock and his wife Glenys have allowed their membership of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament to lapse after more than 25 years, and his party appears to have abandoned the final vestiges of its unilateralist defence policy.

Gerald Kaufman, shadow foreign secretary, suggested for the first time yesterday that a Labour government would keep Britain's nuclear deterrent as long as other countries had them. His remarks, discussed in advance with Mr Kinnock and other leading party figures, were clearly designed to forestall Conservative allegations that Labour would negotiate Trident away while leaving the Soviet Union with an armoury capable of destroying this country.

Mr Kaufman, writing in *The Guardian*, said: "To Labour it makes sense to play a continuing constructive role right the way through the international nuclear disarmament negotiations."

The Conservatives, although claiming credit for forcing the change, still struck a sceptical note. Chris Patten, the Tory chairman, said last night in a letter to Mr Kaufman that it was one thing to remain a participant in the negotiations, but another to confirm that until the negotiations were over Labour would keep the deterrent.

Mr and Mrs Kinnock had been members of CND since their student days. Mrs Kinnock joined at the age of 16 and her husband was active in the organisation during his time at University College, Cardiff. When their last subscription notices arrived — "some time ago", according to leadership sources last night — they decided not to rejoin. They were said to feel that CND had not adapted to the changing world climate on disarmament. In 1981 Mr Kinnock said that nuclear disarmament was one of the fundamental beliefs he would never desert.

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Pomp and ceremony: Boris Yeltsin being congratulated yesterday by the Russian Orthodox patriarch Alexii after his inauguration as Russian leader

Screws tighten on crooked lawyers

Solicitors are alarmed at the cost of protecting clients from their own dishonest colleagues ***Frances Gibb*** *writes*

The legal profession is to impose tough new checks on its members because of a disturbing rise in the number of solicitors committing fraud and breaking the rules and a consequent surge in compensation claims.

Spot checks of law firms' accounts and stricter professional practice rules are among measures being brought in by the Law Societies of England and Wales and of Scotland.

Compensation claims over dishonesty and negligence in England and Wales are expected to reach more than £163 million this year, compared with £11 million in 1978. Claims over mortgage fraud alone stand at more than £10 million, four times higher than in 1988-9.

The professional bodies are also under pressure to act because of a huge rise in indemnity insurance premiums for solicitors as a result of the growth in claims.

At the Law Society's annual general meeting in London today, solicitors are expected to protest at the 34 per cent average increase in premiums for compensation of victims of their dishonest or incompetent colleagues.

Solicitors are angry at the increases, described by one Law Society council member as "shattering". An average four-partner firm could be paying £22,000, an additional £6,000.

Although some of the increase can be attributed to the profession's growth, solicitors in the habit of illegally using clients' money to speculate in property

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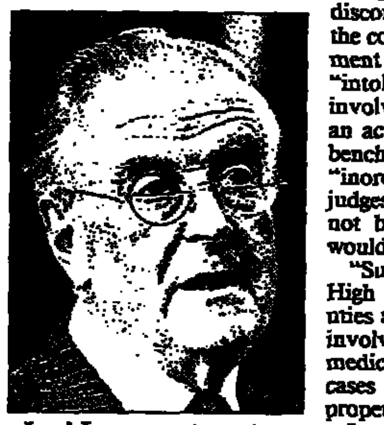
Lane speech opens rift with Lord Chancellor

By Frances Gibb, legal affairs correspondent

AN UNPRECEDENTED gulf has opened up in relations between the Lord Chief Justice, the country's most senior judge, and the Lord Chancellor, who is head of the judiciary.

Lord Lane has delivered a stinging rebuke to the Lord Chancellor over the state of the courts system, warning that it is at breaking point and that the judges are so stretched they cannot cope with the workload. His blistering speech was delivered without warning on Tuesday night at the Mansion House judges' dinner, with the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, sitting two places away.

Lord Mackay had no advance notice of the contents of the speech, the strongest attack made by the Lord Chief Justice on the policies of the Lord Chancellor's department.



Lord Lane: courts system "at breaking point"

Yesterday Lord Mackay refused to be drawn into any dispute. His department refused to comment on Lord Lane's remarks. However, Lord Mackay was privately believed to have been unimpressed; to feel that the comments were inappropriate to the occasion and that Lord Lane behaved ungraciously.

However, next Tuesday, at the launch of the courts' service annual report, he is expected to respond with proposals to boost the number of judges.

Lord Lane's speech, which brought to a head his growing discontent about the state of the courts system and government policies, spoke of the "intolerable" strain on judges involved in "mega-trials"; of an acute shortage of Queen's bench judges which meant an "inordinate" use of deputy judges. He said the time might not be far off when a case would prove to be untriable.

"Such is the shortage of High Court judges, that deputies are perforce trying cases involving £1 million or more, medical negligence and other cases which they should not properly be trying at all."

Lord Mackay's own speech at the dinner contained fulsome praise of Lord Lane. "The Lord Chief Justice has indicated, in language that will strike a chord with many here, the heavy burden judges bear as part of their daily work," he said.

He defended Lord Lane in the face of public criticism, as he has before, saying: "This year we have seen very heavy attacks on our very respected Lord Chief Justice. I know that I can speak for all his colleagues in the Supreme Court in saying they have the fullest confidence in him."

Lord Lane's comments were the latest of a series of missiles aimed at the Lord Chancellor in recent years. He is known to be feeling beleaguered. The Court of Appeal, and he as its head, have been criticised in the wake of a series of miscarriages of justice. He also feels passionately that the independence of the judiciary, as a whole, is under attack from politicians, the media and the public.

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Slovenia gives its full support to peace plan

By Our Foreign Staff

YUGOSLAVIA'S rebel republic of Slovenia yesterday voted by an overwhelming majority to accept a European Community-brokered plan to avert civil war.

The parliament in Ljubljana voted by 189 to 11 in favour of the scheme drawn up by the EC, leaders of the federal Yugoslavian government, and Slovenia and Croatia. However, many Slovenes were concerned that control of international borders is temporarily handed back to the federal government under the agreement. Milan Kucan, Slovenia's president, said that the agreement was necessary "in order to put a stop to violence".

But tension remained high in neighbouring Croatia, which declared independence along with Slovenia on June 25. Final arrangements were under way for the dispatch of the EC's ceasefire monitoring team to the two republics.

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All-star cast hails Yeltsin

From Bruce Clark
in Moscow

BORIS Yeltsin formally took over the government of Russia yesterday in a dazzling display of comic-opera kitsch, along with authentic delight over the maverick politician's triumphant emergence as the first democratically elected leader of the enormous territory.

The ceremony, in which the erstwhile bad boy of the communist Politburo co-starred with a magnificently-robed orthodox patriarch, amounted to an astonishingly bold attempt to exorcize the ghost of communism from Russia's history. The swearing in of Mr Yeltsin as executive president of the largest Soviet republic took place in one of the grandest temples of the marxist faith, the modern glass-and-concrete Palace of Congresses, which stands incongruously in the middle of the Kremlin. The ceremony, complete with military

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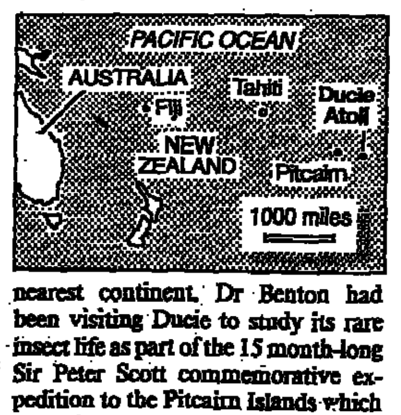
Unspoiled island in the sun littered with junk

BY Nick Nuttall
Technology correspondent

A BEACH on an isolated atoll in the South Pacific has been found to be carpeted with the detritus and litter of the modern disposable age. A British scientist has returned home with a catalogue of nearly 1,000 items of bizarre and familiar junk, including leaky meat tins, toys, Scotch bottles and a Sunblest bread crate, collected during a morning's beachcomb.



"It is quite frightening. This is one of the world's last untouched islands and one which has been undisturbed by man," said Tim Benton, a zoologist at the University of Cambridge. "Yet thousands of miles away from the nearest continent you have all this rubbish littering the beach," he said.

The island, Ducie Atoll, is British-owned and 3,000 miles from the nearest continent. Dr Benton had been visiting Ducie to study its rare insect life as part of the 15 month-long Sir Peter Scott commemorative expedition to the Pitcairn Islands which ends in April 1992. Ducie Atoll is 293 miles from Pitcairn, the nearest inhabited island of *Mutiny on the Bounty* fame with a population of 50.

The quantity of man-made junk was itemised during a one and-a-half mile stroll on a 10ft wide beach. "I walked along the shore and recorded the objects. In total I recorded 953 objects," said the zoologist.

The catalogue includes large and small buoys (113); pieces of buoys (66); bread and bottle crates, including one marked Sunblest (14); glass bottles, the produce of more than 15 countries of which over a third were Scotch bottles (171); jars (18); unidentified plastic pieces (268); bottle tops (74); segments of plastic pipe (29); pieces of rope (44); shoes (25); fluorescent tubes (6); light bulbs (6); aerosol cans (7); food and drink cans (7); biro tops (2); jerry cans, all holed, (4); one pair of gloves; tinned meat pie, leaking but intact (1); cigarette lighters (3); doll's heads, one male and one female (2); copper sheeting (8); lorry tyre (1); plastic skittle (1); glue syringe (1); small glass cylinder (1); construction worker's hat, brown (1); plastic coat hanger (1); toy aeroplane (0.5); tea strainer (1); football, punctured (1); plastic car foot mat (1) and asthma inhaler (1).

Dr Benton said the most surreal objects he found on Ducie and also on Henderson, an island 190 miles away, were toy soldiers, a toy tank and two toy jeeps.

Disclosing his finds in a letter to the journal *Nature*, he said he believes the source of the flotsam must be ships dumping rubbish into the world's seas. The atoll is uninhabited and has no fresh water to lure passing yachts.

"If so much rubbish is washed ashore on these small and extremely isolated islands, it makes one wonder just how much more is still floating on the surface of oceans," he said.

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Defiant Kinnock tells Tories he is proud to be union member

As Neil Kinnock defied Tory attacks on Labour-union links, the government launched a new onslaught. **Philip Bassett** reports on the battle of words

NEIL Kinnock yesterday defied the government's attack on trade unions and their links with Labour, saying that he was proud to be a member of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

In a speech to the TGWU's biennial conference in Blackpool, the Labour leader called John Major, the prime minister, a "consummate failure" who was taking Britain into the second division in Europe.

The government took the opportunity of Mr Kinnock's conference speech to launch its latest attack on trade unions, following its sharp criticism of Labour's union-led minimum wage policy and in advance of a green paper setting out new legislation on unions and industrial relations. A Gallup poll published for the Conservative research department showed that public support for Labour's links with the unions is low, with only 12 per cent of those polled backing the unions' block vote at the Labour conference. Chris Patten, the Conservative party chairman, said that Labour was in the grip of the unions.

At yesterday's conference Mr Kinnock praised the TGWU, and in particular Ron Todd, its general secretary, while yards away in Blackpool's Winter Gardens conference centre, another Labour-affiliated unions, the National Union of Mineworkers, unanimously carried an emergency resolution criticising Mr Kinnock in connection with the dispute over the miners' money.

The NUM resolution came after a strongly-worded personal attack on Mr Kinnock by Arthur Scargill, the miners' president, who accused Mr Kinnock earlier this week of abandoning socialist principles. Though the text of Mr Kinnock's speech did not include the word "union", before he moved on to the prepared draft of the address Mr Kinnock told conference delegates that he had been a TGWU member for 30 years.

He said: "Are you listening, John Major? Yes, I'm proud to belong to the Transport and General Workers' Union."

Mr Kinnock made explicit the importance of the TGWU within the Labour party, saying: "In every region, in every industry, in every constituency this union represents the Labour party. This union is the Labour party in so many ways."

The warmth of Mr Kinnock's endorsement for the TGWU and its leaders notably contrasted with a clash between Labour and the union in Blackpool three years ago when Ron Todd, the TGWU leader, attacked the modernist direction of the party under Mr Kinnock. Earlier this week Mr Todd indicated that he no longer held that view and that he accepted a less prominent role for Labour-affiliated unions in the forthcoming general election.

Mr Kinnock's remarks about the TGWU will be seized upon by Michael Howard, the employment secretary, and other Conservative ministers as further evidence of what they see as *Labour's domination by its affiliated unions.*

In the speech, Mr Kinnock spent most of his time attacking Mr Major, calling him a "consummate failure" and adding: "He will always fail his country".

All Majorism had done was to add concern and Downing Street's deepest synthetic sympathy to the afflictions it had visited upon Britain. "Only one conclusion can be drawn from all this 'concern' without any change, all this anguish without any effective action: Thatcherism was Toryism with no regrets, Majorism is Toryism with some apologies. Majorism is Thatcherism in sheepish clothing."

Mr Kinnock tried again to exploit Conservative differences over Europe, saying that the government had no strategy for success in Europe. There was no developed policy for shaping decisions in the Community, he said.

Kinnock yesterday: "This union is the Labour party"

Cannon Street rail crash jury returns accident verdict

By Michael Dynes, transport correspondent

A UNANIMOUS verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury in the Cannon Street rail crash inquest yesterday as the coroner called for changes in the law requiring drivers to undergo alcohol and drugs tests after accidents involving passengers.

Before retiring, the jury was instructed by David Paul, the coroner, to consider only verdicts of accidental death or an open finding. There was no evidence about the behaviour of Maurice Graham, the train driver, to justify a verdict of *unlawful killing, he said.*

British Rail welcomed the coroner's recommendation, saying routine drugs testing for personnel recruited for safety related jobs would be introduced from August 5, as "an essential first step to avoid employing people who are drug abusers".

To prove unlawful killing there would have to be evidence that Mr Graham failed in his duty of care to the passengers as a result of wicked, reckless behaviour. "Of course he failed," Dr Paul said. "Obviously something went wrong. But there is no evidence that I feel safe to leave you with that that failure of duty of care was due to this driver's wicked recklessness."

On his approach to the station, Mr Graham applied the brakes in the normal manner, the coroner said. Realising that he was going to *stop short, however,* he appeared to have released the brake, allowing the train to freewheel into the station, but the time lag before the second application of the brakes did not allow the train to come to a halt before it hit the buffers.

After hearing testimony from medical experts and the police, the coroner said that evidence showing traces of cannabis in a urine sample from Mr Graham two days after the crash could not be used to demonstrate that the driver was affected by the drug when the accident occurred.

Dr Paul said there was no evidence to suggest that the driver avoided submitting to a medical examination. "There is no deliberate attempt as far as the evidence that you have heard that this driver was deliberately avoiding presenting himself for a medical because he was aware of the risk of cannabis."

Mr Graham did not keep the first two appointments made for the examination on January 8 and 9 because he was not informed about them, Dr Paul said. To avoid a repetition of such confusion, the coroner recommended a change in the law requiring drivers to have tests in future.

Verdicts of accidental death were recorded for Martin Strivens, aged 24, a computer programmer, of Petts Wood, Kent, and Patricia McCay, aged 59, a shop assistant, of Forest Hill, south London. They died from injuries sustained on January 8 when the 7.58am commuter service from Sevenoaks crashed.

In a letter to the court, the Director of Public Prosecutions said there was not enough evidence to bring charges against Mr Graham, although it would reconsider its view if new evidence came to light. Mr Graham did not give evidence to the court on the grounds that he might incriminate himself.

JAMES GRAY

Maurice Graham, the train driver, relaxing during lunch at the hearing yesterday

Farmers reject EC plan for agriculture reform

FARMERS joined the government yesterday in opposing a reform of the European Community's common agricultural policy proposed by Brussels as a means of levelling the community's mountains of surplus food and opening the way to a liberalisation of world trade (Michael Hornsby writes).

The National Consumer Council said that the proposals should mean lower prices. David Clark, Labour's agriculture spokesman, said the onus was now on the government to come up with better proposals.

John Gummer, the agriculture minister, said the plan would increase the cost of supporting farmers without curbing over-production or benefiting consumers to the extent claimed. Support would be biased in favour of small, unviable holdings and against "the more efficient, sensibly run farms" in Britain and some other parts of the EC.

David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union, said: "It is perverse that plans which could cause so much damage not only in this country but across Europe would increase taxpayers' spending on farm support."

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BBC shelves new £175m centre

By Melinda Wittstock, media correspondent

THE BBC has postponed the development of a £175 million news and current affairs headquarters, opting instead to divert the money mainly into television drama and entertainment to halt a decline in BBC1 ratings.

The weekly BBC1 audience share has been as low as 32 per cent against ITV's 48 per cent this summer. Will Wyatt, managing director of BBC Television, succeeded in persuading the board of governors and the board of management that drama, comedy and other programmes needed further funding in a more competitive broadcasting environment.

The news and current affairs building, which would have brought under one roof radio and television news staff working at Broadcasting House and Television Centre, was the brainchild of John Birt, director-general designate. Work was to have begun at White City, west London, in September.

BBC1's lower ratings have been blamed by the corporation on the higher spending by ITV on new drama and comedy. ITV spent an estimated £790 million on programmes in 1989-90, while BBC1's total expenditure in the same year was £458 million. ITV also spent £60 million on original drama compared with BBC1's £20 million.

The corporation hopes that BBC1's ratings will rise this autumn when £20 million of programmes made last spring will be screened.

Michael Checkland, the director general, said yesterday: "At a time when the BBC is facing increased competition for listeners and viewers, our overriding priority must be to increase our investment in radio and television programmes." He gave no new date for work to start on the headquarters.

☐ The BBC's production centre at the Open University at Milton Keynes is to close by the end of this year with the loss of 45 jobs. Another 88 jobs out of a total staff of 370 are threatened. The cuts will save £1 million a year without the loss of any programme output, a spokesman said.

Crown estate pays £61m to Exchequer

By Christopher Warman
property correspondent

THE Crown Estate, guardian of a large part of the hereditary possessions of the Queen, is in accordance with its duty paying £61 million to the exchequer, an 11 per cent increase on last year. The estate yesterday reported a profit of £63.9 million in 1990/1, an increase of 16 per cent over the previous year.

The recent stirrings of controversy over the Queen's income, and whether as a result she should pay income tax, have allowed the Crown Estate, normally reticent on these matters, to make an oblique comment on the matter.

Introducing its annual report, Lord Mansfield, First Commissioner and chairman of the Crown Estate, said that the estate "is of course part of the hereditary possessions of the Sovereign by right of the Crown. The revenue from the estate is paid to the exchequer as part of the arrangement for the provision of the civil list, a fact which has tended to be overlooked in recent debate about royal finances".

Judge critical of sentencing reform

By Quentin Cowdry, home affairs correspondent

A CIRCUIT judge has taken the unusual step of publicly criticising the government's planned sentencing reforms, saying that they may swell rather than cut the prison population.

Judge David Griffiths told a conference on drug abuse that the proposed statutory sentencing guidelines were too vague. He supported the moves in principle, but believed that there was a risk the guidelines might backfire.

The criminal justice bill, due to be enacted this summer, proposes that courts should jail offenders only if their crimes are "so serious" that no other course can be justified, or if custody is needed to protect the public from "serious harm". Ministers hope that the criteria, similar to guidelines used in the sentencing of young offenders, will lead to fewer jail terms for thieves and burglars.

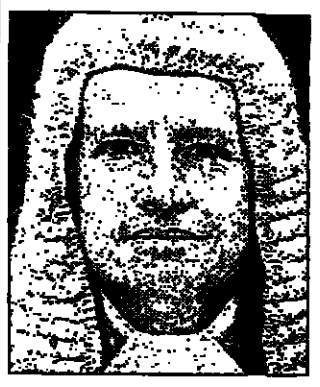
Judge Griffiths, who sits on the western circuit, told the recent conference in Winchester — details of which *have only just surfaced* — that the criteria were so loosely worded that the Court of Appeal was likely to receive a flurry of requests for interpretation.

The danger was that the court would "set the custody point" for property criminals too low, neutralising or even contradicting the plan to increase the use of community punishments for such offenders.

Several other judges are known to share Judge Griffiths' misgivings, although many others have yet to read the bill.

Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, said: "The bill will be open to numerous interpretations by judges. There is the problem too that the appeal court has been reluctant to issue guideline judgments in cases involving property offenders. We have doubts as to whether the bill will reduce the prison population."

The Bar Council said that the sentencing criteria would work only if judges and the Court of Appeal embraced the spirit of the legislation enthusiastically. "What the Court of Appeal will have to do is grab a hold of a few cases at an early stage and really make a stand," Tony Scrivener, QC, the council's chairman, said.


Griffiths: fears guidelines may increase jail numbers

Deluge of calls to bank advice centres

By Bill Frost

ADVICE centres set up by Touche Ross, liquidators to the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, were yesterday inundated with enquiries from businesses and private account holders caught up in the collapse. Some callers to the six centres failed to get through, and others who did took out their frustation on Touche Ross staff.

George Westropp, a spokesman for the liquidators, said: "People are getting impatient. Some of our staff at the advice centres have been left with their ears burning. But it is not surprising, given that this is probably the biggest banking collapse since the Twenties. We are being as helpful as we possibly can." The advice centres are in Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, Leeds, Glasgow and London.

Staff were busy yesterday arranging new accounts for BCC1 customers with other banks. "Many of those hit by the collapse are from the Asian business community and have a reputation for hard work and success. It should not be too difficult to arrange alternative banking facilities for them, but it will take time," Mr Westropp said.

A number of Asian businessmen with frozen BCCI accounts said yesterday that they had had great difficulty making contact with Touche Ross. Mr M.R. Kundra, *who has a clothing* business in east London and has lost £80,000, said that lines to the liquidators had been constantly engaged.

Muhmmad Ali Shah, of West End Fashion in Whitechapel, east London, had also failed to make contact with Touche Ross. Mr Shah, who had £40,000 with BCCI, said: "The line is always busy. I am too busy to waste time. Since the collapse I have made hundreds of phone calls to customers asking them not to pay cheques to my frozen BCCI account."

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Union watchdog drops action against Scargill

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

THE government's trade *union watchdog yesterday* abandoned his pursuit of the miners' leader Arthur Scargill for alleged failure to keep proper accounts during the miners strike.

Matthew Wake, the certification officer, said he would not seek a judicial review of the decision by the Sheffield stipendiary magistrate last month to rule prosecution evidence inadmissible. The ruling caused the case against Mr Scargill, president of the NUM, and Peter Heathfield, the union's general secretary, to be dismissed.

"Very serious consideration has been given to the question of an appeal to the High Court," a statement from the certification office said. "However, after considering all relevant factors including legal advice, the summary nature of the charges and the time and cost involved in further legal proceedings the certification officer decided against an appeal."

The decision was announced to the NUM conference in Blackpool, to loud applause. Mr Scargill said the decision was a "complete vindication" of the NUM's actions during and after the 1984-85 pit strike.

"The charges were unfounded and it has been a waste of taxpayers' money," Mr Scargill said. "I suspect there were certain influences and political pressure brought on the certification officer to bring the case."

Mr Wake's decision not to appeal increases the probability that the government's impending employment green paper will substantially increase the powers of the certification officer. Details of *the green paper's contents* are expected to be outlined to Parliament before the beginning of the summer recess later this month. Michael Howard, the employment secretary, is expected to propose empowering the certification officer to investigate any union accounts qualified by the union's auditor.

Unions will also have to disclose more information about their accounts to the certification officer, and the six month limit for enquiries into the accounts will be extended.

In addition, the green paper is expected to require unions to send copies of accounts to members. The moves will go some way to mollify government hard liners frustrated by the collapse of the case against the NUM leadership. Yesterday, Mr Wake said he and his legal advisors "are in no doubt that the charges were properly brought".

Firemen die in blaze at warehouse

Two fire officers were killed last night when a floor and walls collapsed as more than 100 officers fought to control a blaze at a warehouse in the east end of London. Another was injured.

The fire broke out on the second floor of the five-storey building in Bromley-by-*Bow* about 2.30pm and six hours later it was still raging. A former bonded warehouse, the building was being used for storing records, documents and films.

"Tragically two of our men have died," a spokesman said. "Another fireman was taken to hospital suffering from smoke inhalation."

The fire is believed to be the biggest in London *this* year. The firemen were working in thick smoke and intense heat in the Hayes Business Services' document warehouse.

Man shot dead

A man was found shot dead yesterday after a 90-minute siege at a house in Irby on Humber, Humberside. Police had surrounded the house after a man had barricaded himself inside with a woman and her two children. Three shots had been heard previously. A man was being questioned last night by police, who said that the shooting followed a family incident between a father *and son.*

Zoo head quits

Lord Peyton, treasurer of London Zoo, resigned yesterday in the wake of the government's refusal to provide further public funding. He had been unable to persuade ministers, he said in a letter to Professor Avrion Mitcheson, president of the Zoological Society of London, "that this important scientific institution is something of such value that it should be preserved in the public interest".

CORRECTION

On yesterday's front page we attributed to David Jones, director of London zoo, comments that the zoo had been engaged in a poker game over funding with the government, and the government had effectively called the zoo's bluff. The comments were in fact those of *The Times* correspondent, but were inadvertently ascribed to Mr Jones during the editing process. We apologise to Mr Jones for the embarrassment caused.

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MI5 agent kept saying 'ja' as if he were a German and could not pronounce 'Moscow'

'Chumps' who tried to sell secrets to Russians are jailed

By Ronald Faux

A SHIPYARD security guard and a cab driver who tried to sell nuclear submarine secrets to the Russians for £2 million "for a joke" hatched a "cack-handed plan". But attempts by the secret service and police to track them down were equally unsophisticated, a court was told yesterday.

Over drinks in a public house Joseph Wilson and Arthur Price, both of Barrow-in-Furness, planned the scheme as a way of making money to retire to Spain, Preston crown court was told. MI5 and special branch officers from Cumbria police joined forces to track them down after information was received that someone had contacted the Russian embassy in London offering to trade a piece of classified submarine technology.

Wilson and Price made contact with the embassy and offered to sell an acoustic tile used to clad the hull of the Trident class submarine for £3 million. A deal was agreed at £2 million but, unknown to the pair, they had been negotiating with an MI5 agent posing as a Russian official and they were arrested.

The court was told how the agent, known as "Nick", kept saying "ja" as if he were a German and was unable to pronounce the word "Moscow" properly. At one point special branch officers were seen by the pair taking fingerprints from a telephone box they had just used. On another occasion police and security service men had taken photographs of Wilson and Price but had forgotten to remove the lens cap.

Wilson, aged 47, a former security guard at the VSEL yard at Barrow-in-Furness, admitted stealing the tile and making a damaging disclosure of information under the official secrets act. Price, aged 41, a mini cab driver, pleaded guilty to handling stolen goods and to making a damaging disclosure. They were each jailed for 15 months.

Using the name John Stuart, Wilson and Price made a number of telephone calls to the Soviet embassy and trade delegation to try to sell them the tile. In several calls to Soviet official Alexander Madrichyk, Wilson mentioned a figure of £3 million for the tile. Wilson told police: "I was laughing and joking with them [the Russians] and I said: 'Do you want to buy a rubber tile that goes on the outside of a sub'?. We just thought it was a bit of a laugh."

Mr Madrichyk had also regarded the call as a joke and laughed so loudly that Wilson had to hold the telephone away from his ear. After being rebuffed, the two men forgot about their scheme until advertisements began appearing in local papers.

Brian Leveson, QC, for the prosecution, said that because the security service did not know who was contacting the Russians, what they had to sell, or what else might be involved, an advertisement was placed in local newspapers inviting John Stuart to contact Nick by letter or on a mobile telephone number.

Reid: contacting Russians is not a laughing matter

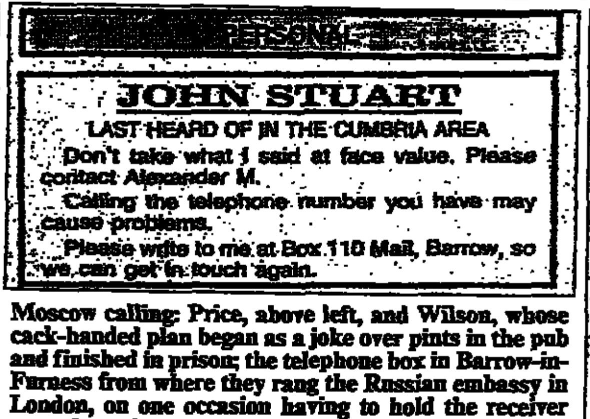
When Wilson responded, he negotiated with a security agent who disguised his voice with a Russian accent. As the net closed, Wilson and Price were put under surveillance and after their ninth telephone call to what they believed was a Russian contact, they were arrested after arranging to hand over the tile for £2 million.

Mr Leveson said the acoustic tile was classified restricted and its performance was confidential. Large numbers of the tiles could be found at the yard stacked in piles ready for fitting and their primary protection was the trust placed by VSEL in their employees, each of whom was cleared before appointment and required to sign the official secrets act.

Mr Leveson said that Wilson had worked as a security guard at the yard for 15 years. Before he resigned in June last year because of a back disorder he had stolen the tile and an engineering drawing of a propeller. This was classified restricted. Price, his friend, quickly became involved and was a willing helper and accompanied Wilson when the calls to the Russians were made.

Each call had been tape-recorded by police and by September 21 the pair had been identified. In one call, on September 12, when Wilson asked for £3 million for the tile and was offered £10,000, he told Nick, the surrogate Russian: "I thought you would put a more realistic value than that. You know I am sticking my neck out a long way."

After his arrest Wilson told police that at first the plan had been a laugh but suddenly there was a lot of money involved. Mr Leveson said there had been careful steps made to exchange the tile for money without Wilson or Price being identified. "Their biggest cause of concern was to be caught, either by the Russians or by the British, but he [Wilson] did not believe his action caused a danger to Britain."



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JOHN STUART

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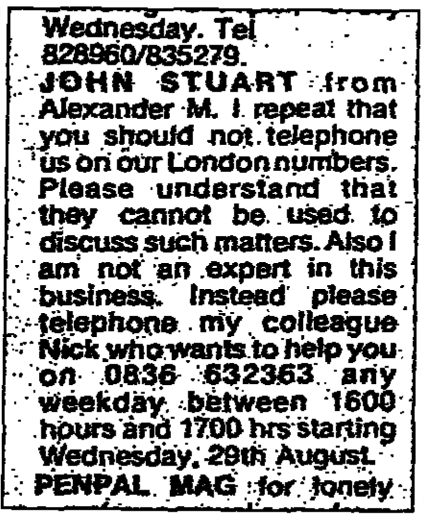

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PENPAL MAG for lonely

Moscow calling: Price, above left, and Wilson, whose cack-handed plan began as a joke over pints in the pub and finished in prison; the telephone box in Barrow-in-Furness from where they rang the Russian embassy in London, on one occasion having to hold the receiver away from their ears because an embassy official was laughing so loudly and MI5's beckoning advertisements in the local newspapers — a bait which the pair swallowed and which eventually led to their arrest

Gilbert Gray, QC, for Wilson, said that the prosecution "came in like a lion and really goes out like a lamb". Before the two men responded to the newspaper advertisements they had laid the matter to rest. He said: "It was a prank, a bluff, it was wrong, it was against the law but so cack-handed, so maladroit, so unsophisticated that when the security forces set in train action, and I don't seek to criticise anyone for being an agent provocateur, after that the thing really started to lurch rather wildly."

Mr Gray said that since their incarceration on remand Wilson and Price had become known to their fellow inmates as Glasnost and Perestroika.

Mr Justice Brooke said the men had been described throughout as maladroit, unsophisticated, grostesquely out of their depth, chumps and having unreal greed. However, "the court must make it crystal clear that offences of this kind, even if they stem from gross irresponsibility rather than a deliberate attempt to assist a foreign power, have got to be marked with a significant period of imprisonment."

Detective Chief Superintendent Steve Reid, head of Cumbria CID, said after the case that he did not agree the pair had treated the plan as a joke. "I certainly agree with the fact that perhaps these were two men who got overtaken by the events

"But I can't subscribe to the joke aspect of it, bearing in mind that one man had stolen equipment using his position of trust as a guard and had then contacted the Russians on six occasions. I don't really see those as being the actions of a joke," he said.

Country churches face high cost of repairs

By Ruth Gledhill
RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

SMALL church congregations in remote country areas are facing bills of tens of thousands of pounds to keep their historic buildings in use, according to the annual report of two charities devoted to keeping such churches alive. Only a limited amount of help is available from grant-making bodies.

The charities, the Historic Churches Preservation Trust and the Incorporated Church Building Society, gave grants of more than £1 million for the second year running to help congregations save their church buildings in England and Wales. However, the task of raising most of the £50 million needed each year to maintain and repair churches falls on the congregations.

"The nation owes them a debt of gratitude for their self-sacrificial care of our heritage of churches and chapels," the charities say, adding that the congregations' task would be eased if 15 per cent of every £1 they spent had not been taken by value added tax.

In one church, the Holy Cross, in Kilgwrrwg, Gwent, the tiny congregation is facing renewal and repair costs of £29,476. Work began after a £3,000 grant from the trust and a £2,000 interest free loan from the scoiety.

The two most important sources of help are English Heritage and CADW, the equivalent government-funded body in Wales. English Heritage spent £7 million on church repairs last year.

English Heritage grants are available only to churches considered of exceptional value to the national interest and even then its grants are seldom more than 40 per cent of the repair bill.

The trust and the society remain the only national charities solely devoted to help congregations meet the cost of fabric repairs. Twenty-eight county trusts associated with the Historic Churches Preservation Trust last year contributed a further £749,000.

The fact that congregations succeed in raising large sums is the best argument for this country's policy of sharing the burden between worshipper and taxpayer, resulting in the good condition of most churches. The report says: "This good condition is not always apparent in countries where the state or local authority is responsible for maintenance."

The trust, an independent and non-denominational charity formed in 1952, has raised millions of pounds from individuals, charitable trusts, commerce and industry, legacies and parish donations.

Cigarettes will carry blunter warnings

By Jill Sherman
SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

STARK warnings on the dangers of smoking, including the words "Smoking kills", will appear on the front and back of cigarette packets from the end of this year, health ministers will announce today. The warnings will be in much larger type than the present messages on the side of cigarette packets and will be much blunter.

The British Medical Association, while welcoming the new moves, said yesterday that it was "illogical and indefensible" to allow the product to continue to be advertised. Britain has recently opposed an EC directive calling for a ban on tobacco advertising.

The present warnings such as "Smoking can cause fatal diseases" will be replaced by six rotating messages including "Smoking kills" — a statement opposed by the tobacco industry; "Smoking causes cancer" and "Smoking when pregnant harms your baby".

For the first time cigarette packets will sport a warning about passive smoking: "Protect children — don't make them breathe your smoke". There will be more information on the packet on tar and nicotine levels. The move is in line with an EC trade harmonisation directive which was opposed by Kenneth Clarke, then health secretary, 18 months ago. All countries have to implement the minimum requirements of the directive.

Michael O'Connor, director of the Coronary Prevention Group, said that William Waldegrave, the health secretary, was at last taking steps to translate the health targets announced in his green paper into action. *The Health of the Nation* calls for a 33 per cent reduction in the numbers smoking by the year 2000.

"We very much welcome legislation to control the tobacco industry," Mr O'Connor said. "This marks the beginning of the end of the cosy voluntary system which amounted to government collusion with the tobacco industry."

The BMA welcomed the message on passive smoking but said it should be followed with action to protect children from the effects of smoking.

Britain leads way in licensing and use of new drugs

By Thomson Prentice, medical correspondent

NEW drugs are being licensed and are reaching patients sooner in Britain than in any other country, the Medicines Control Agency, a division of the health department, said yesterday.

The time taken for a drug to be given government approval has been cut from three years to about 12 months, while safety standards and monitoring of adverse reactions among patients have been improved. For the first time in many years, the backlog of new drug licence applications has been eliminated, although pharmaceutical companies are paying the agency as much as £100,000 in fees for each vetting process.

The charges have quadrupled in the past two years but represent a tiny fraction of the £150 million it costs to produce an entirely new product, Keith Jones, chief executive of the agency, said.

More than 30 such drugs are submitted for approval annually. The bulk of the agency's work is in dealing with drugs already on the market but which are being offered in a different form or as a treatment for a different medical condition.

The agency, which becomes an executive branch of the health department today, screened more than 17,000 adverse drug reaction reports from doctors last year. "We have become the fastest organisation in the world of our type and our safety standards are second to none," Dr Jones said.

"The main purpose of human medicines is to prevent or treat disease and to this end they must be safe, effective and of reliable quality. Our responsibility is to ensure that medicines available in the United Kingdom are made with the utmost skill and evaluated to the limits of scientific knowledge before they are approved and licensed for sale."

GPs support holiday as stress cure

By Jill Sherman

FOUR out of five family doctors think that stress-related symptoms are on the increase and that the best cure is a holiday and chanage of lifestyle, according to a survey published today.

The survey of 771 doctors, published in today's *Doctor* magazine, shows that 83 per cent of doctors believed that patients who took regular breaks had fewer stress-related problems. Ninety-five per cent recommend holidays to their patients as an alternative to medication for certain conditions such as exhaustion, depression, anxiety, insomnia and lethargy.

"During a recession many people cut down on their leisure time, cancel holidays, work harder and worry more," Helen Sturridge, the magazine's editor, said. "The result is that they fall ill and are forced to take time off."

☐ Health authorities are setting up a review into GP fundholding practices following concern that it has led to a two-tier service in some areas.

Drink-driving pilot banned

AN AIRLINE pilot driving to Heathrow for a flight to South America had nearly double the legal limit of alcohol in his blood, a court was told yesterday.

Magistrates at Newbury, Berkshire, banned First Officer David Hanlon for a year and fined him £300 with £15 costs after he admitted drink-driving in his Volkswagen Golf GTi. Hanlon, aged 40, of Aldbourne, near Marlborough, Wiltshire, was stopped by police for speeding as he drove the 60 miles to the airport to board the plane to Venezuela on June 16. His pilot's uniform was in the car with him.

A police breath test showed a level of 67 micrograms of alcohol in the blood, well above the legal limit of 35.

Anthony Smith, for the prosecution, said that Hanlon was stopped at Baydon, Wiltshire, for exceeding the speed limit in his Golf GT and officers smelt alcohol on his breath. He was taken to Swindon police station and breath-tested.

John Jackson, for the defence, said: "Mr Hanlon was not going to be part of the flight crew on that flight. He was going to be extra to requirments as far as crewing was concerned. It was not essential for him to be on that flight.

"He was not going to be on the flight deck but was to sit on the main body of the plane travelling in uniform. He had last flown on June 8 and then had a week off and was not going to fly again until June 27. British Airways have flight crew orders regarding alcohol. He did not keep a strict line on alcohol as he was not on this occasion part of the crew. The lack of food may have had a bearing on this case. The day before he had a piece of toast for breakfast and for lunch he had two pints of beer. In the evening he had had more beer then went for dinner where wine was consumed. His last drink was before 11pm and he was in bed before midnight.

"He felt perfectly OK and there felt no effects of any alcohol the next morning. He obviously miscalculated when consuming alcohol on that day." The court heard that British Airways have started diciplinary proceedings against Hanlon.

Blindspots that shame British drivers

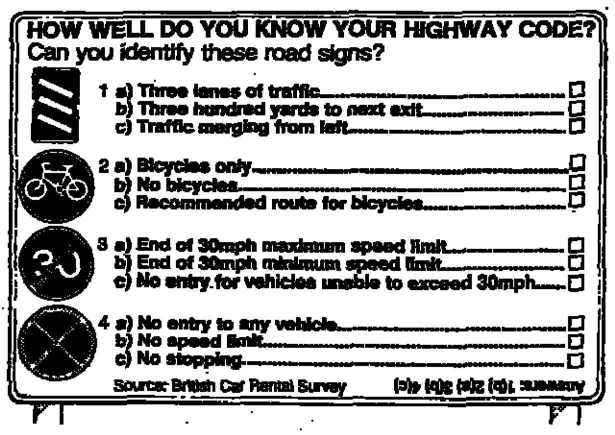
By Kevin Eason
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

IF THE driver in front of you this morning refuses to move when the traffic lights turn green, don't worry. He has forgotten that green means go.

An alarming survey by British Car Rental shows that six out of ten motorists have no idea of the sequence of traffic lights. The hire car company carried out its check to discover the quality of drivers using its 1,600 cars a day from 90 branches around the country.

Only one driver out of 300 surveyed could correctly answer nine questions on the Highway Code, covering topics from traffic signs to the meaning of double yellow lines and how long it would take to stop a car at different speeds.

One motorist thought he could halt his car from 70mph in 40ft, about three car lengths, when the correct distance was 315ft according to the Highway Code. Paul Batchelor, the company's general manager, said: "Can you imagine having him following you on the motorway?



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR HIGHWAY CODE?
Can you identify these road signs?

1 a) Three lanes of traffic ☐
b) Three hundred yards to next exit ☐
c) Traffic merging from left ☐

2 a) Bicycles only ☐
b) No bicycles ☐
c) Recommended route for bicycles ☐

3 a) End of 30mph maximum speed limit ☐
b) End of 30mph minimum speed limit ☐
c) No entry for vehicles unable to exceed 30mph ☐

4 a) No entry to any vehicle ☐
b) No speed limit ☐
c) No stopping ☐

Source: British Car Rental Survey

"The large number of people who clearly have no idea about the distance they need to stop their vehicle in was quite astounding. With results like these, it is no wonder that so many rear-end shunts are reported on our roads every day."

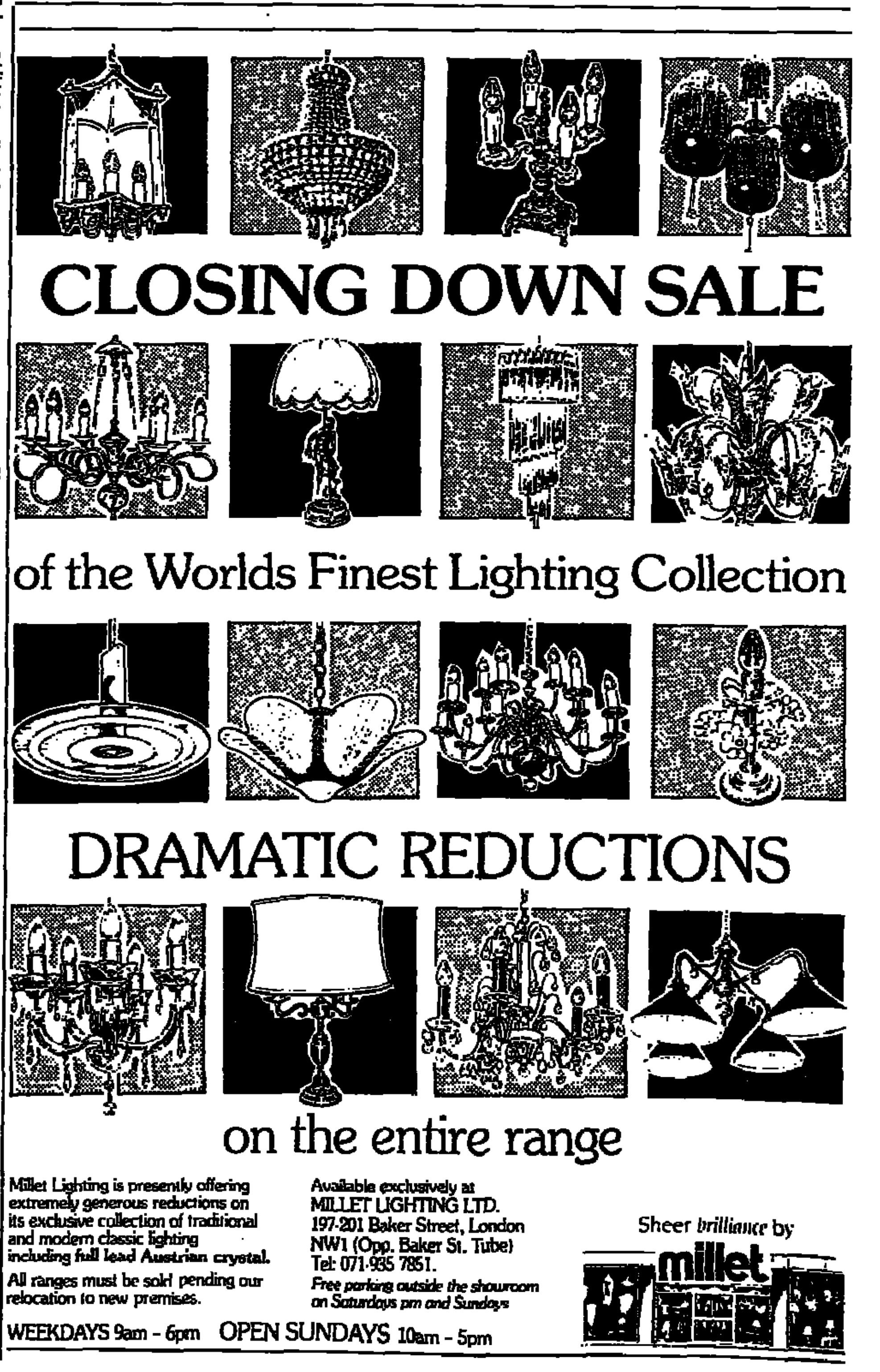
Only 4 per cent of the drivers surveyed understood that double yellow lines meant no waiting for at least eight hours between 7am and 7pm. Mr Batchelor added: "The drivers who completed the questionnaire are all experienced road users and yet, in some cases, they obviously have little idea about even the simplest ideas of roadcraft."

The results were no surprise to driving experts. Ted Clements, chief examiner for the Institute of Advanced Motorists, said last night: "Most people take their test, cut up the L-plates and throw the Highway Code into the bottom drawer. Even the most elementary aspects of road use are not known by the average driver. This survey only underlines our worst fears that many motorists haven't a clue what some road signs and warnings mean."

● Six out of ten British motorists are driving on tyres that would fail the new tread depth legislation taking effect on January 1, 1992, according to another survey published yesterday. The Tyre Industry Council checked 35,000 tyres removed by members of the National Tyre Distributors' Association.

More than 20 per cent of tyres showed severe damage, including visible cords, which increased the risk of a blow-out. Findlay Picken, the association president, said: "It really is a sad commentary on the lack of care and attention shown by motorists."

South Wales had the highest percentage of illegal tyres at 70 per cent while the Midlands had the highest percentage of dangerous tyres at 29 per cent. The association has launched a "Stay Legal, Stay Alive" campaign and its 3,000 tyre dealers will be offering free safety checks.



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Solicitor's punishment can be end to a career

As compensation claims against solicitors rise to a possible £163 million this year, **Frances Gibb** spends a day at the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal

SIÂN FRANCES

In judgment: left, Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal members Anthony Gibson, chairman Barry Marsh and Lady Bonham Carter, with, on raised dais, the accused solicitor and, facing her, a stenographer; defence and prosecuting counsel are on the right; the court clerk is on the extreme left. In this drawing all but the tribunal members are fictional representations

IT WAS, I am told, a fairly typical day at one of the most secret courts in the country — the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal, a body never seen by the public and hardly ever attended by the press. I had been allowed to attend on condition that I agreed not to identify any of the accused.

Three solicitors, a woman and two men, working as sole practitioners, were accused of breaking the solicitors' accounts rules or mishandling clients' funds. The likeliest penalties were suspension (which, if lengthy, could bring professional ruin); or a fine of up to £5,000.

Apart from the lack of public scuffling, the atmosphere in the classical-style chamber with its gilded columns in Carey Street, central London, was court-like. The solicitors were all represented by other solicitors, and sitting in judgment that day were Barry Marsh, the solicitor-president of the tribunal (a group of 20 lawyers and lay people), with another solicitor, Anthony Gibson, and a lay member, Lady Bonham Carter. They sat on a raised dais, faced by the lawyers and the accused solicitor.

Mr Marsh was courteous, friendly and sympathetic. He even cracked the odd joke. But nothing could disguise the true implications of the proceedings. Two of the accused solicitors were present and sat drawn (and in one case tearful) during their cases. The third was so distraught that he could not be persuaded to come to court. The apprehension, even contrition, was genuine. Professional livelihood was at risk.

However, as Mr Marsh put it, the tribunal has a duty to protect the public. It must strike a balance between being overbearing in its penalties (it can strike off, suspend, reprimand or fine) and punishing misdemeanours appropriately. At the end of the day, it has to remember the wrongdoings that brought the solicitor before it in the first place.

Solicitors do appeal against the tribunal's penalties. In 1989-90, two of the four appeals heard by the divisional court were allowed and two dismissed. The Law Society, which, if anything, favours a tougher line by the tribunal, recently appealed against a suspension of six months imposed on a solicitor for a building society fraud. The penalty was increased to a striking off.

David Morgan, who regularly defends solicitors before the tribunal, believes the penalties are mostly fair. "I don't come out with any sense of burning injustice, though once or twice I've thought it's been a bit heavy. They can come down like a ton of bricks. But by and large I feel they are fair."

The cases fall roughly into two groups: those involving dishonesty and fraud (where the solicitor, if guilty, is certain to be struck off); and those where no dishonesty is alleged but accounts' rules have been broken — most commonly misuse of the clients' account, such as withdrawing funds owed before a bill has been settled.

In 1989-90, 49 solicitors were struck off; 31 suspended for from 14 days to five years; 79 were fined; and ten were reprimanded. In only seven cases were the allegations held not to be substantiated and in two cases no order was made.

Most of the cases, David Morgan says, do not involve fraud. "I am not saying the profession is riddled with dishonest solicitors. But no doubt there have been a few solicitors who would use clients' funds, perhaps to develop properties, and who in the past got away with it." The recesssion had probably increased this temptation, in that lawyers with a side interest in property were often conveyancers, whose income was suddenly reduced, he said.

Ironically, the recession also meant that they were more likely to be detected, because "they would find themselves with properties on their hands and unable to put the monies back."

Criminal proceedings are brought in an estimated ten per cent of cases. Susan Elson, clerk to the tribunal, said that the prosecuting authorities act quite independently: sometimes criminal proceedings are brought before the tribunal hearing, sometimes afterwards. The prosecuting authorities decide themselves when to prosecute.

Using clients' funds without the permission of the client was a clear criminal offence, she said. "Clients' funds are sacrosanct; the argument that the solicitor intended to put them back does not carry much weight. Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, once said that there was not a shop girl in the land caught fiddling the till who did not intend to put the money back."

However, some solicitors who "borrow" clients' funds are not struck off. "It all depends on whether there was a deliberate intention to defraud. You could have a technical breach of the accounts rules in that the solicitors take out money owed to them in costs although it has not strictly been paid in; or the client's cheque may have bounced. That is a serious breach of the rules but not deliberate dishonesty. It is not the same as taking £100,000 to buy a yacht."

Judgment is always reserved. It takes six to eight weeks before the tribunal gives its findings.

The tribunal itself recently debated whether it should be open to the public, like the General Medical Council hearings. The president, Mr Marsh, is in favour; but the majority is against.

The open-door reform is certain to return to the agenda. Many solicitors would like the tribunal to assert its independence as a statutory body, separate from the Law Society. The fact that it is funded by the society and has its staff in the society's headquarters makes a mockery, some say, of its vaunted judicial independence. If it is to command respect inside the profession, there is a strong case for separate Treasury funding. If it is to command respect outside the profession, it should be open to the public.

The Rising Tide of Dishonesty— Policy for Protection

Title piece: The Law Society of Scotland's report

The three facing tribunal

CASE ONE

A WOMAN in her 40s was charged with conduct unbefitting a solicitor because misleading and less than honest letters written by unqualified staff had been sent out under her signature; she had practised without a certificate for 15 months because she could not afford the insurance premium; and funds had been paid in error to the practice account rather than the client account and she had not been able to repay the shortfall, but had now done so.

In her defence her lawyer argued that she was not guilty of "deliberate fault, dishonesty or sharp practice". She had experienced great personal difficulties while without the practising certificate and had suffered "wave upon wave of adversity". Like many sole practitioners, she had depended on the domestic conveyancing market (in which she practised at the lower end) and "the rug was pulled from under her feet when the housing market collapsed around 1989". She had three unqualified staff to pay, with no money coming in. These financial problems coincided with domestic problems. "It is a horrific story of personal difficulties which led to personal incompetence; no dishonesty, but the reaction of a woman on her own, faced with these problems."

CASE TWO

THE accused solicitor, in his 50s, was not present; his solicitor described him as a wreck. He was accused of large-scale breaches of the accounts' rules and a wide range of misconduct, coupled with a failure to deal with complaints as they arose. Clients had applied to the compensation fund over a shortfall of £17,000. The solicitor had failed to file an accountant's report and had practised for three years uncertificated. He was also accused of replying to letters inadequately or not at all and of misleading a client.

Two solicitors testified to his good standing among local colleagues. His lawyer said that there was no suggestion of dishonesty. "But it has to be admitted, like so many who come before this tribunal, that he put his head in the sand. He had financial problems — two wives to support — and these were exacerbated by staff problems. He has been seriously depressed and I can only describe him as a broken man. I accept he what he has done but he has practised for a great many years without breaking the rules."

CASE THREE

A SOLICITOR who set up on his own in the late Seventies was accused of breaching the accounts rules by regularly transferring money from the clients' account to the office account. He had also failed to keep his books up to date. The Solicitors' Complaints' Bureau had investigated and he admitted the transfers and undertook to put matters right. However the transfers continued.

As a result the client account was overdrawn for some two years. "This is money the solicitor would know he was not entitled to. It is a serious case of improper drawings on the client account, resulting in clients' funds being at risk for well over two years," the lawyer for the prosecution said.

His own lawyer accepted that his client had committed a serious breach of the rules, but no client had lost money, he argued. The solicitor had got into the habit of drawing money he thought was due from clients before their bills came in. "There is no suggestion of dishonesty."

Scottish claims rise to £5m

FROM November 1 Scotland's 7,087 solicitors will be asked to contribute an annual sum of £400 each towards the Law Society of Scotland's guarantee fund (Kerry Gill writes). The fund is to compensate victims of dishonest lawyers and, the society emphasises, losses are compensated in full. Although there have been only four cases in which solicitors have been struck off for dishonesty in Scotland over the past two years, the sums involved are becoming greater.

In the five years up to 1986 a total of £1.5 million had to be paid out from the guarantee fund, but claims against the fund have risen to £5 million. As a result solicitors are likely to be asked to contribute £500 a year to the fund from November next year compared to £150 this year.

Kenneth Pritchard, the society's secretary, said that almost always it was the diligence of the society's investigations that turned up misconduct leading, in the case of dishonesty, to the criminal courts. While solicitors have not become less honest, the level of dishonesty has gone up, Mr Pritchard said.

Quality of air indoors alarms MPs

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary enquiry yesterday demanded further government investigations into working conditions in modern offices, with their high levels of staff sickness.

The prevalence of allergies, asthma, headaches, viruses and lethargy among some workers could be due to the "sick building syndrome" or indoor pollution, said a report from the Commons environment committee. But facts were elusive and more research was urgently needed.

The chairman, Sir Hugh Rossi, complained that indoor air quality had been neglected for too long, possibly because the effects were not seen as life-threatening.

"Failure to appreciate the importance of indoor quality results in reduced health and efficiency for many people over long numbers of years," he said. "There is a relationship between headaches and discomfort and possible allergies that develop long-term, and the conditions in which people spend a large part of their working day."

Sir Hugh said that the healthiest buildings were old-fashioned and draughty, with large chimneys, rather than closed in with central heating. "The committee received evidence that many people are dissatisfied with the air quality in their places of work. In addition, there is evidence that conditions which may be associated with indoor air quality such as asthma and allergies are increasing. There is considerable ignorance about indoor air quality in the design, construction, use and maintenance of buildings."

Common failings were blocked or ill-maintained ventilators and badly operated air conditioning systems. Little was known about chemicals used daily, such as hair sprays and typing correction fluids, or about vapours from synthetic building materials.

The report says that the Health and Safety Executive should be given the powers to ensure that smoke-filled offices have good ventilation. The government should speed up promised guidance on segregating smokers and non-smokers in offices.

Sir Hugh: "Evidence that allergies are increasing"

The MPs found themselves at odds with David Trippier, the environment minister, about the duties of local authorities to deal with damp council homes. The minister questioned the feasibility of environmental health officers prosecuting their council employers. The committee report recommends legislation to place a duty on chief officials to take action on damp and unfit public housing.

Tim Brown, for the National Society for Clean Air, wanted indoor pollution put high on the political agenda. "Most people spend 90 per cent of their time indoors and that is where they are exposed to most of the pollution."

David Pollock, director of Action on Smoking and Health, said: "The pressure is now on the government to produce effective and far-reaching guidelines to protect non-smokers from passive smoking. These guidelines must be enforceable in law."

Mix of squalor and splendour

WORKING conditions of most MPs and their staff were condemned yesterday by a building specialist as a bizarre mixture of squalor and splendour which would not be tolerated in other offices (Sheila Gunn writes).

Adrian Leaman, managing director of Building Use Studies, criticised the cramping together of people, paper and new technology but admitted that many office workers faced worse surroundings.

At the request of *The Times*, Mr Leaman toured the building with the Labour MP Graham Allen to judge the Palace of Westminster against the criticisms of indoor pollution by the Commons environment committee. "It is a bizarre concoction of old and new," he said, as he pointed to the dangers of dust from the mounds of paper and the likelihood of mites infecting covered chairs and carpets.

The west cloister has been split into offices for 12 MPs by partitions and filing cabinets. "It is completely ridiculous to have offices of this type. But the one virtue is that they are all next to a window," Mr Leaman said. After seeing the boxlike office shared by Michael Meacher, the shadow social security minister, and his staff of three, he added: "In virtually every office in the country this would not be tolerated because of its density and its illogicality."

Across the corridor in the windowless office shared by Labour MPs Joyce Quin and Win Griffiths, Mr Leaman found even more cramped conditions. "People who do not sit next to a window are always more ill than people who do," he said.

Mr Allen said that crown indemnity of the palace should be ended so that proper environmental health checks could be made.

Mr Leaman, however, concluded: "The conditions here are no worse than they are in many thousands of other office buildings throughout the country. There are some bizarre anomalies to this building but at least it has natural light and fresh air for most people and a nice view with some exciting things going on."

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Advances in technology spell end for corps

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE demise of the Royal Observer Corps, announced yesterday, marks the end of an organisation which for 66 years has played a key part in the country's air attack warning system. The disbandment of the corps as part of a slimming down of civil defence reflects the reduced threat of nuclear war.

Under the new regime, emergency planners will be required to provide only one underground communications bunker per county instead of three and will work to the assumption that they might have up to three months' warning of a nuclear attack. Existing contingency plans centre on the assumption that Britain would have up to seven days to prepare its civilian population for the horrific consequences of a nuclear exchange.

The changes will involve the standing down of the Royal Observer Corps, which has 9,300 uniformed volunteers and 170 civil service staff. Ministers consider that technological advances in radar and the measuring of radio-active fall-out have made the corps obsolete.

The corps, formed in 1925, was highly valued in the last war when its volunteers helped to track the movements of German aircraft and missiles over Britain. In 1955, while still under the operational control of the RAF, it shouldered the additional responsibility of providing a nuclear warning system.

In the event of an attack volunteers, working from a national network of small, underground bunkers, would chart the progress of nuclear fall-out and activate a series of public sirens. In 1968 the corps, whose blue uniforms are roughly modelled on those of the RAF, came under the Home Office's wing.

The reform is expected to bring a big cut in the annual £100 million civil defence budget. Local authorities, however, who switch spending into planning for possible civil emergencies such as an air or rail crash involving heavy loss of life will suffer smaller cuts in Home Office grant.

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, said the aim was to secure better value for money from the civil defence grants by persuading councils to devise broad-based contingency plans. "Provided that is forthcoming, I shall give a measure of protection to the grant within what will inevitably be a diminishing total expenditure on civil defence."

He has, however, rejected a recommendation from David Brook, the civil emergencies adviser, that councils be given a legal duty to plan for peacetime as well as wartime disasters. Such a move could be considered only after ministers had agreed on the new structure of local government.

Mr Brook has told ministers that the quality of peace-time emergency planning in England and Wales is "variable" and lacks co-ordination. Because local authorities were legally bound to prepare only wartime plans, planning for peace-time disasters had to take second place. Most local authorities and emergency planners think that their statutory responsibilities should be extended.

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TIM BISHOP

Marking time: Corporal Graham Gardiner, left, and Trooper Geoff Nuttall, of the Life Guards, preparing for today's opening of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court, west London. General Norman Schwarzkopf will attend the 17-day show

MoD's 'bland assurances' on Trident safety attacked

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE defence ministry was strongly criticised by MPs yesterday for giving "bland assurances" over warnings in the United States about the safety of the Trident ballistic missile system.

MPs on the defence committee had questioned ministry officials over US reports that the warheads in the missile's third stage were "dangerously exposed" because they encircled highly explosive propellant tanks. The reports claimed there was a possibility of an explosion or even nuclear detonation.

Britain is buying the Trident missile system from the US, although the warhead is being designed at the Aldermaston atomic weapons establishment in Berkshire.

In a report on the progress of Britain's Trident missile programme, the MPs accused the ministry of being unhelpful in its replies to their questions on warhead safety. The ministry's claim in July last year, after the warnings emerged in the US, that press reports about Trident had no relevance to a British-designed warhead was little short of disingenuous, the MPs said. "The point at issue was not the safety of the UK warhead design as such but of the system as a whole."

The US reports said the propellant and explosive for the missile had been chosen to save weight and increase range. Last December the Americans issued the Drell report by a panel on nuclear weapons safety which raised the possibility that an accident during the handling of an operational missile could detonate the propellant, "which in turn could cause the high explosive in the warhead to detonate, leading to dispersal of plutonium or even the initiation of a nuclear yield". In the US an interim decision had been made to transport missile and warhead separately.

The defence ministry said it was studying the Drell report but refused to say if the United States and Britain used the same type of high explosive in the warhead.

● Greenpeace called yesterday for the the Trident programme to be cancelled immediately, saying this would save more than £10 billion in running and decommissioning costs alone.

In a report it accused the government of blurring the costs of Trident by stating only the estimated capital cost of nearly £10 billion. Greenpeace said £2,540 million in capital costs were omitted. The report also said Trident's lifetime running costs and decommissioning would cost more than £10.6 billion, bringing the cost for the programme to at least £23 billion.

The Progress of the Trident Programme, Defence Committee Eighth Report (Stationery Office; £11.85)

Peaceniks and generals find a common enemy

By JAMIE DETTMER

TOM King has achieved the seemingly unachievable with his planned cuts in the armed forces. He has managed to get the generals and peaceniks to realise that they have one thing in common – a dislike of the Treasury.

As the defence estimates were published this week, old campaigners in the nuclear disarmament pressure groups joined military critics of the government in claiming that the proposed reduction from 55 battalions to 36 has more to do with Treasury requirements than strategic ones.

Dan Plesch, director of the British American Security Information Council, a peace movement think tank, said: "The generals are right. This is Treasury-led. There is no realistic rationale for the planned levels."

Many are also angry the government still sees nuclear deterrence as the cornerstone of military policy.

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament said the defence white paper "illustrates once again the redundancy of the government's approach to forward planning. Piecemeal cuts in army regiments and air force squadrons on the one hand, and massive escalation in militarily useless nuclear systems on the other, will leave Britain incapable of contributing to the real security needs of Europe."

Two sentences complete Labour's U-turn on its nuclear policy

Labour yesterday added the closing touches to its lengthy retreat from a unilateralist defence policy. **Philip Webster** charts its course

A TWO-SENTENCE paragraph in the middle of a long newspaper article yesterday completed Labour's retreat from a unilateralist defence policy that once seemed untouchable.

The method chosen by Gerald Kaufman to commit a future Labour government to the indefinite retention of the Trident missile was fitting. In the five-year history of Labour's biggest policy U-turn, long considered statements have been thrown into interviews and broadcasts by Neil Kinnock and his shadow foreign secretary as they have tried to put to rest an electoral bogey.

Yesterday's affirmation by Mr Kaufman that a Labour government would keep the independent nuclear deterrent until an agreement by all nuclear states to eliminate their arsenals across the world would have seemed unthinkable a few years ago.

Before the last election Mr Kinnock was edging his party from its uncompromising promises to kill Polaris and Trident and remove American bases. Both he and his shadow foreign secretary at the time, Denis Healey, began speaking in terms of Labour acting only after consultations with the Nato allies. The leadership's difficulty was that any overt move to shift at that stage would have split the party. Defence was again one of the main factors in the Conservative victory.

The policy was to go. In a television interview at the post-defeat 1987 conference Mr Kinnock spoke for the first time of the possibility of Trident being used as "negotiating chip" in arms reduction talks with the Soviet Union.

Asked whether that amounted to a multilateral approach, he answered: "Yes. I don't think anyone should get hung up about words."

By the 1988 conference Mr Kinnock was confident enough to try to get a multilateralist motion through the party. It failed by a slim majority, so narrow that it seemed likely that he could win next year if Mr Kaufman did his stuff.

He was not to be disappointed. Mr Kaufman took his team off to Moscow. The Russians endorsed the leadership's preference for replacing outright unilateralism with a policy of negotiating away Britain's nuclear weapons by putting them into the Start 2 talks.

By the time of the 1989 conference Mr Kinnock's victory was assured and Labour's official new defence policy sailed through. It states: "Labour will immediately seek to place all of Britain's capability – including Polaris, and as much of Trident as has been completed – into international nuclear disarmament negotiations."

In an interview with *The Times* last November Mr Kaufman acknowledged explicitly for the first time that Labour might keep nuclear weapons as long as other countries retained them.

On April 16 Mr Kinnock said: "We have at no stage made a commitment to getting rid of all nuclear weapons for as long as others have them."

Still the Conservatives came back. Labour, they said, would get rid of nuclear weapons, yet leave the Russians with a force capable of destroying Britain. That was to be the election line of attack. Until yesterday.

Mr Kaufman wrote in *The Guardian*: "To Labour it makes sense for Britain to play a continuing, constructive role right the way through the international nuclear diarmament negotiations. We believe that Britain ought to remain as a participant in those negotiations until they are successfully and finally concluded with an agreement by all thermo-nuclear powers completely to eliminate these weapons."

Mr Kaufman and Mr Kinnock, having toiled to produce a policy somersault, had decided to close the last gap.

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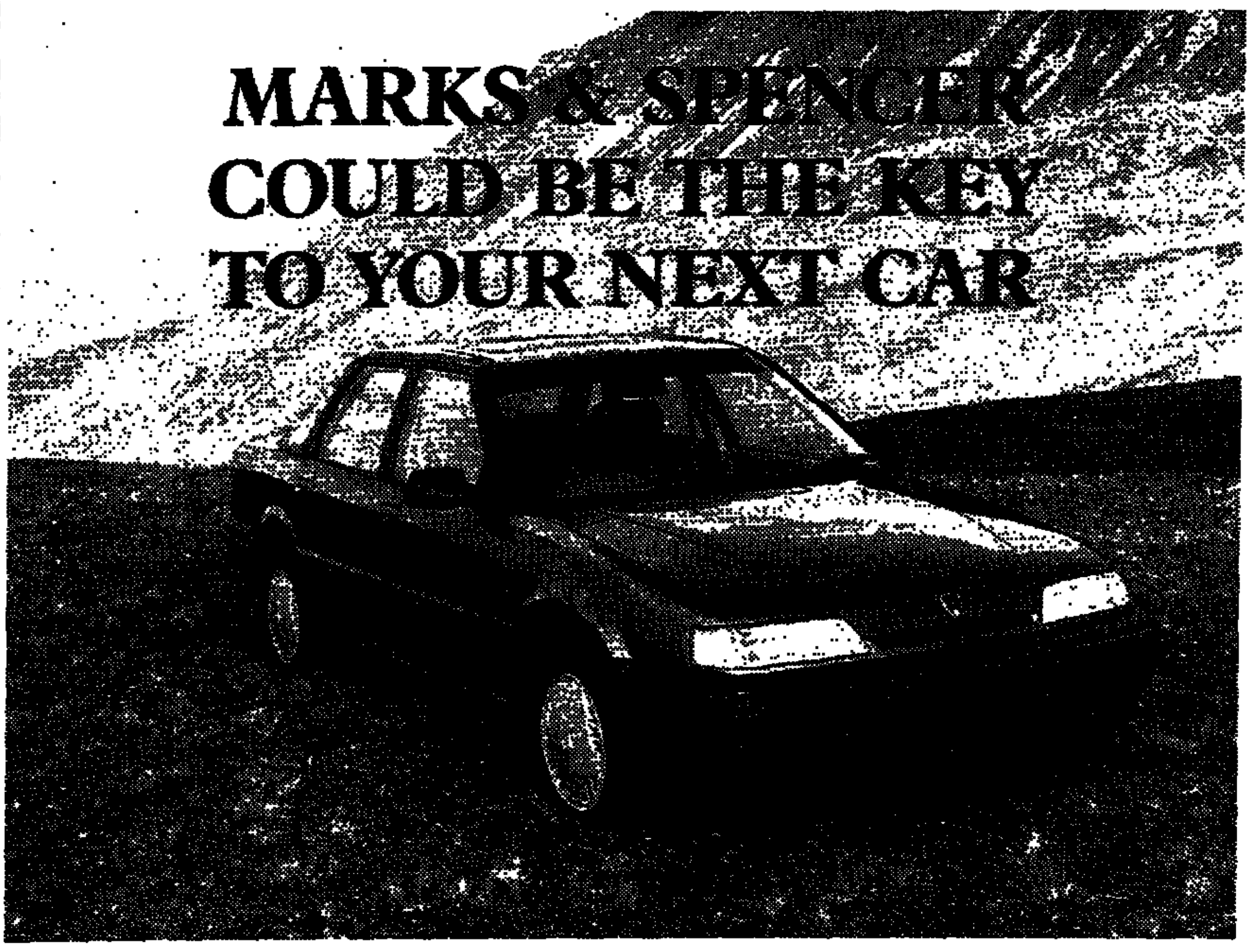

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Black pupils four times more likely to be suspended

By Craig Seton

BLACK pupils are almost four times more likely to be suspended from school, according to a report published yesterday which said that teachers could misunderstand the body language of Afro-Caribbean children as arrogance, defiance and aggression.

The report follows a survey by Nottingham county council's education department into complaints from black community groups over the high rate of exclusions of black pupils from its schools.

The survey showed that black pupils represented almost one-quarter of 449 children suspended from 25 secondary schools between September 1989 and April of last year. Proportionately, black pupils were 3.7 times more likely to be suspended than white children and five times more likely when formal warnings were included. Most suspensions followed incidents of verbal abuse, assault and disruption, but there was no single explanation for the disproportionately high rate involving black pupils. It had not been possible to distinquish whether racial prejudice or cultural differences associated with race were predominant factors.

The report said that a common feature in all schools was the low level of awareness of the values held by Afro-Caribbean cultures from which the black pupils came. Non-verbal styles of communication often displayed by black children seemed to convey specific messages to many teachers that they must be arrogant, insolent, defiant, aggressive , disruptive and "looking for trouble".

The report quoted examples of body language mentioned by teachers, including the way black children looked at them, walked in an arrogant, exaggerated way, displayed dumb insolence, looked away when challenged and sucked their teeth and hissed when reprimanded.

The report said that it was easy for white teachers to interpret as defiance gestures made by black pupils, compared to those made by white pupils where there was greater cultural understanding. It recommended that schools should be more aware of black cultural values and urged greater efforts to eradicate racism.

Fred Riddell, chairman of the county education committee, said: "This may not be a matter of colour so much as culture." Michael Day, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, said that the report's findings might not be unique to Nottingham. He called on other education authorities to monitor suspensions from their schools and to investigate any racial disparities.

ADRIAN BROOKS

English rose: Jane Seymour, the actress, with a rose from Help the Aged's retirement garden at the Hampton Court Palace flower show in west London yesterday. The show was opened by Princess Michael of Kent and ends on Sunday

Teaching union threatens legal action on hours

By David Tytler, Education Editor

A TEACHERS' union is threatening to take local authorities to court if steps are not taken within six months to reduce the workload of teachers introducing the national curriculum.

Peter Smith, general secretary of the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, commenting on the findings of a survey published today, said that infant teachers work an average of 55 hours a week, with those responsible for national curriculum tests of seven-year-olds working an average of 58 hours, seven more than their colleagues.

The government, local authorities and head teachers should ensure that the tests were well-managed and did not impose unreasonable burdens on teachers, who should be given guidelines on what was required of them in assessing pupils, Mr Smith said.

"We are not an organisation of clock-watchers but teachers can only be employed to do what is reasonable, and 55 hours a week is not," he said. "It would be undesirable if we had to defend the rights of highly committed and highly professional people through the High Court, but if we have to go that route we will. A lot of shell-shocked teachers are in danger of drowning in a sea of tick-sheets, checklists, forms and records. Sadly, in many cases it is the children who are suffering."

The union's survey of 53 infant teachers over seven days, repeating an exercise last year which found that they worked an average of 49.6 hours, was carried out by Warwick university. Most teachers welcomed the national curriculum as improving planning and the teaching of science, and allowing each school to see its lessons as part of an overall framework.

Difficulties came with the unreasonable and unmanageable workload of assessment. Jim Campbell, a reader in education at Warwick, who directed the survey, said that the teachers could see little purpose in "the treadmill that tired them out and gave them little sense of achieving anything". It had taken the joy out of teaching. "I cannot see the full national curriculum being effectively delivered if working conditions, especially staffing levels, are not improved," he said.

Scottish parents to be balloted on all-Muslim school

By Kerry Gill

SCOTLAND may have the first all-Muslim state school in Britain. In a ballot starting tomorrow, parents will decide whether a Glasgow primary school should opt out of council control and become the country's first Muslim school.

The move has threatened racial harmony at the 211-pupil Willowbank primary school and could prove embarrassing for the Scottish Office's opting-out policy.

About three-quarters of the children are Pakistani Muslims with the rest made up of Chinese, Iraqi, Arab and white children. Most of the school's 17 teachers have said that they would resign if Willowbank left the control of Strathclyde region and believe that the scheme is not favoured by the majority of parents.

About 50 parents signed a petition calling for self-governing status, although it has been claimed that some parents were unclear over the petition's intentions.

Tomorrow's ballot will be overseen by the Electoral Reform Society and will continue during the school holidays until August 24. That the issue has reached such a stage has upset people in many quarters ranging from pupils and parents to Muslim leaders in Glasgow. Hanif Rajah, a member of the Islamic Centre's central committee, said that he was in favour of single-sex schools for children of all religions but was opposed to segregation by race or religion.

The leading figure behind the petition is Saad Al-Adhami, chairman of the school board and a local paediatrician. Dr Al-Adhami, a Shia Muslim, has insisted that he is simply acting on behalf of the community but admits organising the petition asking for the ballot. He is supported by the Islamic Education Board which is financed by Yusuf Islam, formerly Cat Stevens, the pop musician.

Dr Al-Adhami is also backed by Geoffrey Clarke, a Welsh Muslim and vice-chairman of the board, who told *The Glasgow Herald*: "I think parents may have reservations about some matters in terms of the way the school is being run. It is predominantly a Pakistani school and I think they want a more Pakistani flavour. Why not teach the geography, history and heritage of their own country?"

At a public meeting for parents one teacher, Balwant Singh Sagga, said that opting out could lead to racial tension in the area because of the fundamentalist reasons behind the move.

Ynsuf Islam: among backers of ballot petition

Owner who hit puppy is banned

A dog-owner and breeder who picked up her dalmatian puppy by its tail during a show and hit it was yesterday banned from Kennel Club events for five years. The behaviour of Kitty Wharton, aged 71, a Dalmatian Club committee member, was discreditable to the canine world, a Kennel Club disciplinary committee said. It fined her £100 and banned her from judging club events.

The committee was told that the eight-month-old bitch screamed when Mrs Wharton lifted her and hit her twice while in the showing ring. Mrs Wharton, of Chazey Heath, Oxfordshire, said that she was exhausted after returning from judging in Australia and did not know what she was doing.

Retrial possible

Two police officers accused of perjury over incidents outside the News International plant at Wapping, east London, in 1987 may face a retrial after a Central Criminal Court jury was unable to reach verdicts in their case and was discharged.

US base raid

Armed British and American military police raided the house of a US serviceman on his base at Alconbury, Cambridgeshire, after he tried to sell a rifle smuggled from the Gulf.

Death charge

Dave Albert Brown, aged 25, of Leeds, appeared before the city's magistrates accused of causing the death of an unborn child by a wilful assault. He was also accused of wounding Cheryl Woodburn, aged 24, and was remanded until July 17.

Historic panorama is taken out of auction

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

AN HISTORIC panorama of London was withdrawn from auction at Sotheby's yesterday after a dispute over a London borough's plans to sell it.

The painting, one of only two works showing the capital before the Great Fire, and painted by an unknown Dutch artist, will probably now go on show at the Museum of London.

Tower Hamlets' Globe Town neighbourhood committee decided to dispose of the painting, which Sotheby's estimated at £150,000-£200,000, because it could not afford to put it on display. The council is controlled by the Liberal Democrats. Phil Maxwell, a Labour councillor, told police the painting was bequeathed to the Whitechapel Library in 1892 and that a crime would be committed if it was sold.

☐ Jimmy Neale, aged 45, of Lexden, Essex, was yesterday remanded in custody by magistrates at Colchester, Essex, charged with handling 50 stolen paintings worth more than £1 million.

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Call for question time changes

By Sheila Gunn
CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR MPs are demanding changes to the twice-weekly, 15-minute Commons slot devoted to questioning the prime minister in spite of support for the system from the Commons procedure committee.

Michael Latham, Conservative MP for Rutland and Melton, said yesterday that prime minister's question time was becoming "a theatre of the absurd", with both sides making carefully prepared partisan comments for the benefit of television.

"It can no longer be regarded as a serious method of placing a check upon the executive. It is 15 minutes of one-day cricket slogging rather than a test match."

Mr Latham said: "If we were really serious about parliamentary control of the executive, we would have a select committee on the Cabinet Office made up of the toughest interrogators in the House of Commons which the prime minister of the day would appear before about once every two months."

In a report yesterday the committee recognised the growing importance attached by the main political parties to stage-managing question time for public relations effect.

"We do not seek to imply that this evolution in the role of question time is necessarily a matter for regret as some academic observers, hankering after a supposedly lost golden age of parliamentary accountability, are wont to claim."

The cross-party committee does not recommend any change to the balance between "open" questions and those confined to a specific topic.

"It remains the case, in our judgement, that the convenience of the overwhelming majority of the House appears to be best served by the flexbility and topicality inherent in the open question, precisely because the prime minister submits himself to examination across the entire gamut of government activities."

Sweeteners accusation rejected by Heseltine

By Nicholas Wood, political correspondent

ACCUSATIONS by Labour that the government was planning to use cash "sweeteners" to ease the sale of Whitehall's troubled Property Services Agency were rejected by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, yesterday.

Mr Heseltine was forced to the Commons by an emergency question tabled by Clive Soley, an Opposition environment spokesman, after the leak of a letter from Francis Maude, the Treasury financial secretary, to Mr Heseltine.

The letter referred to the likelihood that a "large dowry" would be attached to any bids from the private sector for the main part of the £740 million-a-year PSA, which undertakes project design and management and building maintenance for government departments.

Reference to a possible dowry led the Opposition to draw parallels with the Rover affair in which ministers were castigated for paying secret "sweeteners" in breach of European Community rules to assist in the sale of the loss-making car company to British Aerospace.

Mr Soley suggested that Mr Heseltine was more interested in putting his hands in the public's pocket and using the money to pay someone to take over a public body than in ensuring the good management of property development within government departments.

However, Mr Heseltine brushed aside such suggestions, saying that the Opposition's tragedy was that it was unable to understand leaked letters. He argued that the so-called dowry was nothing more sinister than an indication that ministers were considering covering the costs of any redundancies that might take place among the PSA's 19,500 staff on its transfer to private hands.

"What is this great 'dowry' they are talking about? It is nothing more than the redundancy pay, which we wish to protect in order to ensure the people employed in the PSA do not suffer in any changes", he said.

The environment secretary added that ministers were looking at a range of ways of switching the PSA to the private sector. He also did not rule out the possibility of closing the PSA when Richard Page, Tory MP for Hertfordshire South West, said that after the sorry tale of cost over-runs and time slippage revealed by a succession of Commons inquiries, it should be wound up.

However, the environment secretary indicated that the government's preferred option was sale to the private sector. Environment sources later disclosed that the government hoped to set out its negotiating position on the sale shortly.

Margaret Thatcher speaking to Eric Heffer's widow, Doris, after the memorial service for Mr Heffer at St Margaret's, Westminster, yesterday. Service, page 20

Two more dog breeds face banning orders

By John Winder

TWO further breeds of fighting dog have been earmarked for a banning order when the dangerous dogs bill is enacted before Parliament rises for the summer.

Earl Ferrers told the House of Lords yesterday during consideration of more than 60 amendments on the committee stage that an order banning the ownership and import of the dogo argentino and filo brasiliero breeds would be made.

He was opposing removal of a power to make such orders, under an amendment moved by Lord Houghton of Sowerby (Lab). Several peers expressed disquiet about the wording of the provision.

Lady Phillips (Lab) said that she had had menacing and unpleasant letters from people.

"If the menacing correspondence is any example, they are not the kind of people we should worry too much about. They are breeding these dogs to make money, and often breeding and bringing them up in the most unsuitable conditions."

She said that the post office union, UCW, had told her that 7,400 postal delivery staff had been attacked by dogs last year, and they included some vicious attacks.

Lord Richard, for the Opposition, said that if, for example a special strain of Rottweiler were bred for fighting, the home secretary should be able to look at that, but he should not use the power to designate existing breeds.

Viscount Hanworth (Lib Dem) said that there could be three reasons for having a fighting dog: protection of the home; being one up on the neighbours; and for fighting. None of those desires was very reasonable.

Earl Ferrers said that, had the power existed, it would have enabled the pit-bull terrier to be kept out in the 1970s. If other kinds of fighting dog emerged the government needed to be able to take quick action to ban ownership, breeding or sale.

If they emerged overseas, the government needed to be able to ban import immediately, and to ban domestic ownership, to meet international obligations.

They believed the bill covered kinds of fighting dogs known to be in Britain.

Lord Houghton said that there were fears that the clause could be used to launch a campaign of "canicide" by extending the area of banning and criminality to other breeds already in Britain. Earl Ferrers said that the clause covered only the import of fighting dogs.

Lord Houghton withdrew the amendment, as he had an earlier one to remove reference to the Japanese Tosa from the bill.

The Earl of Radnor (C) moved an amendment to remove part of the ministerial power to name other breeds on the grounds of their having the "characteristics" of a dog bred for fighting, but Earl Ferrers said that they were an important element in protection of the public.

The amendment was withdrawn.

Wallflower agency waits for bridegroom

THE Property Services Agency is the Cinderella of the government's privatisation programme. While steel, Rolls-Royce, Jaguar, and British Airways have found willing suitors in the private sector, no one appears interested in a union that has become a byword for Whitehall waste and inefficiency (*Nicholas Wood writes*).

No wonder that in his letter to Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, leaked by Labour, Francis Maude, the financial secretary to the Treasury, spoke gloomily of the need for a "large dowry" to persuade a private buyer to take at least part of the agency off his hands.

The PSA, in its present form, stems from the formation of the ministry of public building and works in 1963, which was absorbed into the newly created environment department in 1970. Two years later, Whitehall's landlord was given responsibility for the construction of public buildings, the management of the civil and defence estates and civil supplies.

From a combined staff in 1972 of 45,000 and a direct labour force of 23,000, the total today is just 19,500. Nevertheless, the PSA has remained one of Whitehall's giants. In 1985-6, its work accounted for 6 per cent of the total output of the construction industry and had a total turnover of some £2.8 billion. In April 1986, it was in charge of planning or supervising construction projects totalling and estimated £4.3 billion. It was responsible also for the purchase, disposal, leasing, management and allocation of property throughout central government.

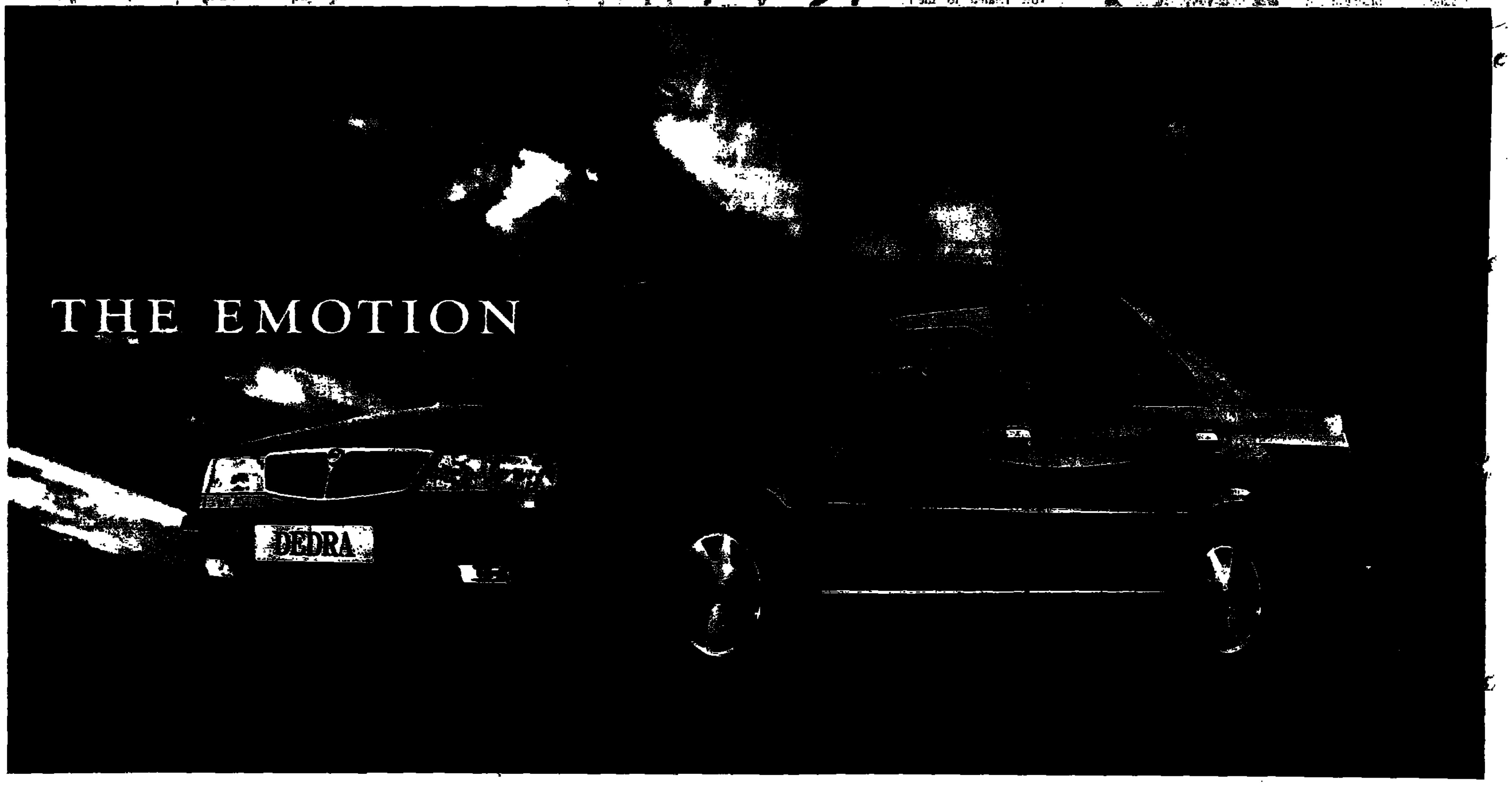
But in the PSA's case, big was far from beautiful. From the middle of the last decade, onwards it became the target of a series of highly critical reports by Commons select committees and the National Audit Office, the public spending watchdog. Huge cost over-runs on building projects managed by the PSA, scandals of rents wasted on empty government property and a series of fraud and corruption trials involving contractors and PSA civil servants undermined its reputation further. MPs have also exposed systematic overspending on prestige public projects managed by the PSA.

The government's answer was to try to bring commercial disciplines to bear. It first announced the sale of the £240-million-a-year Crown Suppliers, only to abandon its plans two years later with the loss of 500 jobs.

In May 1988, Nicholas Ridley, the then environment secretary, announced that the PSA was to become a government trading fund, PSA Services, by 1993, operating at arm's length from government. He also announced that from April 1990, Whitehall departments would be freed from the requirement to place work with Property Services Agency services.

A year later, the government announced partial privatisation of the PSA with the remaining estate management duties going back to the DoE. Then, in the autumn of last year, it announced that PSA Services would be broken up into two main businesses, PSA projects and PSA building management. By now, turnover was little more than £700 million a year, although the value of projects under construction amounted to £6 billion.

Maude: PSA sell-off would need big dowry



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Howard onslaught on 'strike charter' attacked by Blair

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

LABOUR bitterly disputed claims yesterday by Michael Howard, employment secretary, about the party's policies on trades union law, after publication by the Tories of an opinion poll showing public distaste for Labour's close links with the unions.

Mr Howard claimed that results of a Gallup poll commissioned by the Conservative Research Centre "exposed as a sham Labour's attempt to pretend that its industrial relations policies were now moderate, sensible or acceptable to the people".

But Tony Blair, Labour's spokesman, said that the document was a tissue of fabrication and distortion with questions "so rigged as to defy belief".

Calling Labour's plans a "striker's charter", Mr Howard said that it would bring back the days when Britain was renowned for restrictive practices, poor productivity and contempt for the customer. "It would wreck industrial relations, destroy jobs and cripple our economy. It demonstrates economic incompetence on a spectacular scale."

The employment secretary said that the poll of 961 adults conducted from June 3-10 by Gallup showed that 77 per cent of the public, including 56 per cent of Labour voters, "disapprove of Labour plans to bring back secondary picketing". But Mr Blair said that secondary picketing would be allowed under Labour's plans only where an employer moved work from the premises of the original dispute to another establishment.

According to the Gallup survey, 71 per cent of those questioned (including 53 per cent of Labour supporters) were against allowing people the right to strike in sympathy with someone else's dispute when their own firm was not involved, the so-called secondary strikes. Only 20 per cent were in favour. Mr Howard argued that Labour's "Opportunity Britain" promised to "restore the right to take sympathy action".

In the Gallup survey, 83 per cent said they opposed changing the law to allow unions to call out their members on strike without first holding a ballot. More than half (52 per cent) said that they opposed changing the law "to prevent employers taking action against wildcat or unofficial strikers".

Nearly half (49 per cent) opposed changing the law to prevent courts from freezing all a union's assets if it broke the law, while 35 per cent were in support.

Mr Blair accused Mr Howard last night of misrepresenting Labour policies, saying that he had made clear in correspondence in *The Times* over recent months that items alleged to be Labour policy by Mr Howard were not.

In the most concise statement yet of Labour's plans, and in words that will disappoint some union leaders looking to Labour for a reversal of much Tory trades union legislation, he pledged: "Pre-strike ballots will stay, so will secret ballots for union elections.

"There will be no mass or flying pickets. A limit of six pickets was never removed from the Labour party document. The present guideline of six will stay.

"Court orders will be enforced, contempt fines will remain as now together with sequestration to enforce them. The only qualification is where sequestration is used as an alternative to a contempt fine, where sequestration should bring an end to the unlawful act but not paralyse the union's lawful business."

Mr Blair said that employers would continue to be able to secure *ex parte* injunctions against strikers, but unions should not be denied an opportunity to be heard. He added: "We have never said that unofficial action should be made lawful. This is just made up."

Chris Patten, the Conservative party chairman, said yesterday that Labour was "owned lock, stock and barrel by the trade unions". They had nearly 90 per cent of the vote at the Labour party conference and the size of each union vote related to the amount of cash it gave to the party. The transport union gave £1.25 million and had 1.25 million votes.

Blair: Tories misrepresent Labour policies

Poll tax evasion 'theft'

Michael Portillo, the local government minister, launched a bitter attack on Labour MPs and councillors who advocate non-payment of the community charge. "I put it [non-payment] on the same moral plane as fare-dodging and shop-lifting", he said at questions. He criticised the Labour leadership for failing to act against those members advocating non-payment.

The average collection rate, he added, was 90 per cent, with Lambeth the worst at 67 per cent.

New advice on housing

Local authorities are to get new guidance on the use of central government finance to renovate rundown council housing estates, Sir George Young, the housing minister, said in a statement. Housing action trusts and estate action schemes had a vital role and he was inviting local authorities to make bids for resources. Liverpool and Bow in East London have just sought approval for the setting up of trusts in their areas and one was approved in Hull earlier in the week. Other councils had expressed interest. Sir George's plans were welcomed by the Opposition.

Arms treaty

The government expects to ratify the Conventional Forces in Europe treaty in the autumn, Mark Lennox-Boyd, a foreign office minister, said in a written reply.

Commons TV

The Westminster television unit is likely to be set up in Millbank, near the Houses of Parliament, and not in the Palace of Westminster, as the broadcasters had originally hoped.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Northern Ireland; prime minister. Proceedings on British Railways Board (finance) bill.

Lords (3): Ports bill and Atomic Weapons Establishment bill, report stages.

Ministers kept back privatisation costs

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS were criticised yesterday for failing to tell Parliament the full cost to the taxpayer of privatising the Short Brothers aircraft firm in Northern Ireland.

The additional financial obligations taken on by the government brought the total cost of selling the loss-making firm, based largely in east Belfast, to an estimated £1 billion, according to a public accounts committee report.

MPs also accused the company's directors in 1987-8 of undermining the government's attempt to sell the company by revealing big losses after telling officials to expect a profit. The company advised would-be buyers of the firm they expected losses up to 1993 of £329 million after telling the government to expect profits of £36 million.

The report said that the failure of financial management within the firm, which had been provided with £576 million of government money between 1976 and 1989, influenced the valuation made by the Canadian aircraft firm Bombardier, which bought Short Brothers for £30 million two years ago.

In the sale, the government was unable to transfer all Short's financing liabilities, estimated at £142 million. They were taken on by the economic development department in Northern Ireland, although details were not given to MPs then.

The report said that when Parliament was eventually told, the scale of the cost to the taxpayer had not been quantified. "It is important in parliamentary accountability terms that the retention by government of liabilities with a potential high cost to the taxpayer should be quantified as accurately as possible."

Public accounts committee: *Further Matters Relating to Northern Ireland* (Stationery Office; £8.90).

Late chat show may go

By PETER MULLIGAN

THE lights at Westminister burnt long past midnight early yesterday above the heads of MPs debating a subject increasingly close to their hearts: reform of their late hours.

In a move that finally could presage change, they agreed to set up a select committee to look at the procedures of the Commons that keep them at work long after their constituents are asleep. John MacGregor, leader of the House, told them that pressure for the review sprang from concern and irritation at the frustration and inefficiencies involved in the way MPs conducted their business.

About 50 MPs, of 650, from all parties heard his words at the end of a typical parliamentary day that began at 2.30pm and ended almost 12 hours later amid yawns and appeals for change.

Edwina Currie, the former Tory minister, said: "We are in danger of allowing ourselves to slide into eccentricty and incompetence. We are only here for six months of the year yet here we sit past midnight to have a debate." It did not make sense, she told her colleagues, adding: "Either we play macho games at the sort of hours when everybody else is in bed or we engage in serious business. There is no good reason any longer for our long hours [or] for late hours, both of which make us less rather than more effective."

Grocott: "Time is ripe for changes to be achieved"

The desire for reform was emphasised by Bruce Grocott, a shadow leader of the House, who said: "The time is ripe for this committee and for some changes to be achieved". New MPs, he added, went through a period of incredulity at the hours of the Commons before either adapting their lifestyles or finding themselves frustrated at their inability to promote change.

He reminded doubters that half the cabinet had been opposed to the televising of the House, but now the cameras were in place and "the heavens have not fallen in".

A note of caution came from Sir Peter Emery, Tory MP for Honiton, who said that reform had been churned over time and time again. "The concept that we are going to have an easy, slick solution which is going to revolutionise everything is Alice In Wonderland", he said.

Labour leads, but still has far to go

By OUR POLITICAL EDITOR

As the blues composer W.C.Handy once said: "It may well be that true riches are laid up in heaven, but it's sure nice to have a little pocket money on the way there". Labour must surely take the same view about those claims being put about by the Tory party that it has "peaked too soon". In politics such claims are usually a sign of some desperation by the party in the trough.

It is the job of oppositions to oppose, all the time. Neil Kinnock and his men have done a highly professional, well drilled job in harrying the government and it is no mean effort to have wrested back the lead from the Conservatives after John Major's accession to power. Labour demonstrated thereby that it had recovered from the setback of losing the "desire for a change" factor after the replacement of Margaret Thatcher by Mr Major had provided "a change of government".

What should not be forgotten either is the solidity of Labour support this year. In 43 national opinion polls, the Labour vote has dropped below 40 per cent on only seven occasions while the Conservatives have done so on nineteen. Only once in the past thirteen polls have the Tories topped 40 per cent.

But Labour has built much of its confidence on extrapolating from the local government elections this year in which it claimed a six-point lead over the Tories in share of the vote, up twelve points on the 1987 local elections. But an article in the latest *Local Government Chronicle* by Professor George Jones, of the LSE, and Professor John Stewart, of Birmingham, warns readers against the dangers of over-interpreting local elections in national terms.

Patten: has the Tory chief got his timing right?

Listing wide variations in party performance and saying that commentators and MPs alike err in making "dubious claims" about their significance for Westminster, they argue that such results are conditioned more and more by local factors. Labour will be aware, too, that every post-war government that has been behind in the polls a year before an election has made a significant recovery in that year, none of them pulling back by less than 9.5 per cent. And Labour's lead is now discernibly dribbling away. So have Mr Kinnock and his campaign co-ordinator Dr Jack Cunningham got their timing wrong, and has Tory chairman, Chris Patten, managed his better?

Yes, some Tories say, claiming that Labour was lured into expending too much ammunition in advance of a possible June election that was never on. The going has to get harder for the Opposition as, with an election approaching, focus eases off the government's mistakes and on to their own proffered alternative.

The Tory costing of Labour's pledges, whether people accept the figures or not, has helped to re-plant the idea that Labour is still a spending and taxing party.

Tony Blair yesterday produced an effective riposte to this week's Tory campaign on Labour's union links. But while Labour has struggled free from the closest of union embraces, it dare not yet move further than the end of the same sofa, still holding hands. The Tory campaign will maintain the fears of those still worried about the continued closeness of the relationship.

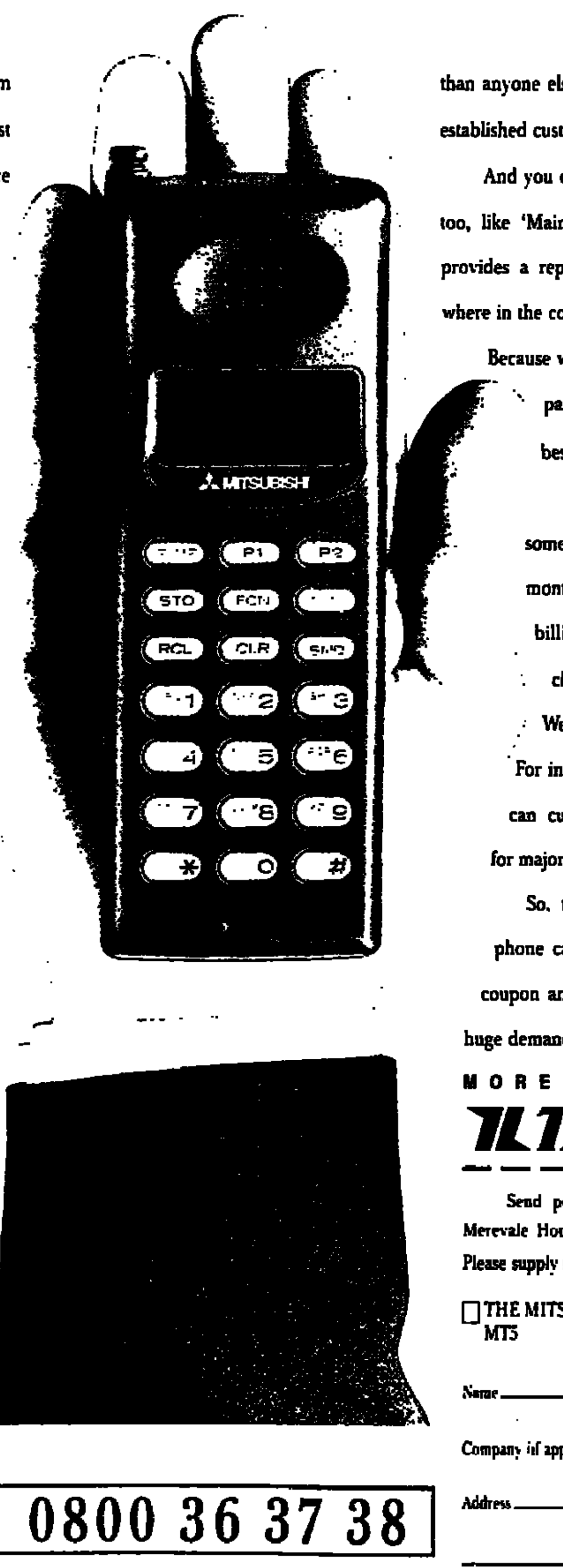
Labour won the initial "Militant routed" headlines it wanted from the Walton by-election, but victory there was not an unqualified plus. Labour's share of the vote declined, even when you add in the "Real Labour" vote. The Tories relished being able to focus on Liverpool, saying: "vote Labour and this is what the rest of the country could look like".

And while Neil Kinnock has undoubtedly gained in the past from appearing a strong leader ready to confront the far left, such a reminder that Militant retains its pockets of strength is an uncomfortable sign this close to an election that Labour's problems in that area are far from concluded.

Labour strategists concede that the government's new-found campaigning zeal has pegged them back a point or two. Labour complaints yesterday that the government is behaving like an opposition are the mirror image of those "Labour peaked too soon" suggestions from the Tories.

Labour apologists argue that Mr Major received a temporary sympathy vote over the pronouncements of Mrs Thatcher and Edward Heath on European issues. But Labour, too, is now arguing that in pushing Gerald Kaufman into Labour's latest revision of its defence policy and by presenting its opinion poll on Labour-trades union links already, it is the Tories who have disclosed their game plan prematurely.

What they call the real issues of health, education and the quality of life will return, they insist, to the top of the political agenda, and when they do Labour will open up the poll gap once again.



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Team is set to monitor accord

From George Brock
in The Hague

THE European Community adopted the trappings of a common foreign policy yesterday when arrangements were completed for the dispatch of its ceasefire monitoring team to Yugoslavia. The team of between 30 and 50 unarmed observers will include civilian and military experts from all 12 EC countries.

For the time being their bases will be at the German consulate in Zagreb and the Italian consulate in Ljubljana. The question of whether the teams will operate in Serbia, where federal troops are supposed to be staying in their barracks, remains undecided. Douglas Hogg, the foreign office junior minister, argued yesterday that the monitoring operation would have to include Serbia to be fully effective.

The EC's foreign ministers were in a self-congratulatory mood yesterday about the success of their talks. "This proves that the EC is the force that can contribute operationally to solving the problems of Yugoslavia," said Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister.

The EC will establish a new task force in Brussels to work out a long-term policy on Yugoslavia. Such policy is certainly needed since there was no sign yesterday that EC governments are any closer to agreeing basic principles on which any permanent settlement could be based.

The European Commission, which is ambitious to expand its restricted role in foreign affairs, appears to have carved out an influential role for itself in the Yugoslav secession negotiations.

Slovenes vote to ratify ceasefire agreement

From Anne McElvoy in Ljubljana

THE Slovene parliament yesterday voted by a massive majority to ratify the EC-brokered ceasefire agreement between the warring republics, intended to restore peace to Yugoslavia. The deal, reached last weekend on the island Brioni, was approved by 189 of the 240-member parliament. Only 11 voted against the motion and seven abstained.

The result is a clear victory for Milan Kucan, the Slovene president who presented the deal to his suspicious territorial army and a disillusioned public as a necessary evil to secure international recognition for Slovenia, while admitting that he shared their disappointment at the cautious response from Europe and America to the independence declaration.

Opening yesterday's session, he said that the peace agreement was necessary "in order to put a stop to violence and replace it with dialogue and mutual regard". But he added that it demanded major sacrifices of the new state. "I know that many of you here today feel the heavy weight of a deep moral dilemma," Mr Kucan said.

The vote provides the first caesura to the Slovenia republic's short life, in that it represents the retreat of the cherished dream of autonomy behind the practicalities of deals, strategy and compromise necessary to co-exist in the international community. Yesterday was the day that Slovenia gamely shook off at least one of the traits of Ruritania, abandoning the primacy of national assertion in favour of wooing European favour.

With the delegates gathered in the gloomy parliament building and seated in rows reminiscent of an old-fashioned schoolroom, the debate veered unsteadily between the language of rhetoric and of compromise to descend after two hours – unusually brief by Slovene standards – on the latter. But the compromise did not come easily to a country that has waited centuries for its freedom from a succession of oppressors.

The strongest opposition to the vote was voiced by Milan Balazic, a member of the territorial defence who appeared in the chamber in his combat fatigues as if to stress his readiness to fight the Yugoslav army by symbol as well as in word. Mr Balazic, who is considered to represent opinion in the ranks of the Slovene fighters, articulated their unhappiness with the deal negotiated by politicians.

"Europe has forced us back into the framework of the Yugoslav federation," he said. "We have been pushed into a position where there is now no war but no peace either."

The fighting of the last two weeks has served to strengthen Slovenia's determination to gain rapid and complete independence from the federation and has deepened the distrust of the Belgrade government, which one deputy eloquently referred to as "a band of robbers, bullies and street rascals".

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Ready for trouble: two Yugoslav villagers protecting a house in Tanja, a Serbian enclave in breakaway Croatia. Attacks by separatists have fuelled fears

Ragged Croat army awaits fate as storm builds

From Tim Judah in Osijek, Eastern Croatia

DOMINATED by a large crucifix and a Croatian flag, the Osijek headquarters of the Croatian national guard looks impressive. It should be since Hrvoje Hitrec, the Croatian minister of information, said yesterday in Zagreb: "We are prepared to defend ourselves." His outburst came after he declared that the Yugoslav army was continuing to transport arms and men to Croatia, contravening the peace accord mediated by the European Community.

Inside the building Kalashnikovs are lined up against the wall, radio telephones constantly chatter and crackle and beefy officers in combat gear swagger in and out with large pistols and daggers strapped to their waists.

But the reality does not match the impression of military prowess. Here in Slavonia, the frontline between Croatia and militant ethnic Serb villages determined never to become part of an independent Croatian state, the ordinary recruits of Croatia's army in the making are demoralised, ill-trained and under-equipped.

Scores of men sit idly in the courtyard. Few are dressed in full uniform: torn jeans go with camouflage T-shirts, and many wear training shoes. Freshly painted lorries have been mounted with anti-aircraft guns, but a closer inspection revealed that the weapons looked similar to those last seen in action in films about the Battle of Britain.

The Croatian national guard formed two months ago draws on the 350,000 reservists of the old territorial defence force, which was disarmed by the Yugoslav army. Its commander-in-chief is Martin Spegelj, whom the federal military authorities attempted to put on trial for importing 30,000 Hungarian Kalashnikovs to supply the republic's security forces.

In sharp contrast to the smartly turned-out territorials of Slovenia, the Croatian national guard is also short of arms and ammunition. While it is easy to criticise Croats for being all bark and little bite, in comparison to the ruthlessly efficient Slovene territorials, it is also true that in eastern Croatia the conflict so far has been raging in barricaded Serb villages. In Slovenia, territorials fought a demoralised army which exposed itself in tanks.

More than 30 Croatian guardsmen have been killed in clashes wtih Serb militiamen or *cetniks* and the Yugoslav army in the past few months. Last Sunday three died in fighting in the Serb-populated Osijek suburb of Tenja. Lying in his hospital bed, a Croatian guardsman, Vjekoslav Vrdolak, aged 24, admitted that he had been in uniform for only nine days. He mused: "You learn fast on the job."

Downing beers in a cafe opposite the headquarters, another Croat said that he had been in the guard for six weeks. "This is the calm before the storm," he said, explaining that the Yugoslav army which he had once been proud to join as a conscript, was now "a Serbian occupation army". He also said that when full-scale fighting broke out in eastern Croatia it would be far more bloody than anything seen in Slovenia.

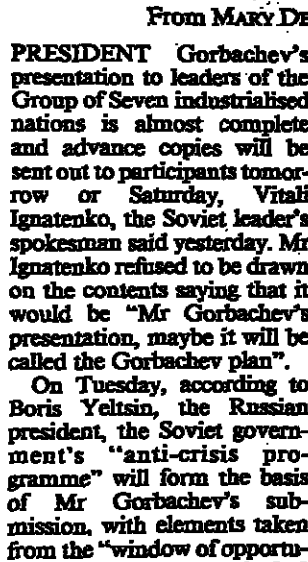
Zoran, aged 27, who had been in the national guard for 20 days, said: "The Croatian government expects help from outside to slap the Serbs on the hand. But it won't come, we have to defend ourselves, but here they are killing us and in Zagreb they are making statements that bear no connection to reality."

Gorbachev puts final touches to G7 submission

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

PRESIDENT Gorbachev's presentation to leaders of the Group of Seven industrialised nations is almost complete and advance copies will be sent out to participants tomorrow or Saturday, Vitali Ignatenko, the Soviet leader's spokesman said yesterday. Mr Ignatenko refused to be drawn on the contents saying that it would be "Mr Gorbachev's presentation, maybe it will be called the Gorbachev plan".

On Tuesday, according to Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, the Soviet government's "anti-crisis programme" will form the basis of Mr Gorbachev's submission, with elements taken from the "window of opportunity" programme, drafted jointly by Grigori Yavlinsky, the Soviet economist, a group at Harvard university and from last year's International Monetary Fund/World Bank report on the Soviet economy. Mr Ignatenko said that Mr Yavlinsky would be a member of Mr Gorbachev's delegation, as would Vladimir Shcherbakov, the deputy prime minister, and Yevgeni Primakov, a member of Mr Gorbachev's security council. Mr Primakov has overseen Soviet approaches to world financial institutions.



Yavlinsky: will join the delegation to the talks

Mr Ignatenko also confirmed that Moscow had lodged official applications for membership of both the IMF and the World Bank. Dismissing a report by the independent Interfax news agency that the applications were new, Mr Ignatenko said that they had been submitted "long ago". The Soviet Union is believed to be interested only in full, rather than associate, membership of the IMF which would entitle it to aid as well as advice.

Aside from the three who have been involved in the Soviet Union's economic reform plans, Mr Gorbachev's delegation to London appears small and unimpressive, suggesting that Soviet expectations from the G7 have been scaled down considerably over the past week. Both the composition of the delegation and the programme, details of which were given by Mr Ignatenko yesterday, suggest that the British-Soviet summit may not yield much either.

Last week, Mr Ignatenko said that Mr Gorbachev's London programme would include two press conferences. Now there is one relatively short one, immediately after the Soviet leader's meeting with the G7. Mr Gorbachev will have two meetings with John Major. He will also meet the Queen, and Neil Kinnock, leader of the opposition. A meeting with Margaret Thatcher has also been scheduled.

The composition of the Soviet delegation leaves little possibility for progress in bilateral relations, however. Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, the foreign minister, Mr Ignatenko and Anatoli Chernyayev, his aide, are also included.

The other members of the delegation no longer hold official posts: Vadim Medvedev, the former Communist Party ideology secretary, now a presidential adviser, and Stepan Sitaryan, a former deputy prime minister.

According to Mr Ignatenko, Mr Sitaryan is the Soviet Union's main specialist on finance and credit matters. However, he holds no official post, having failed twice to gain confirmation from the Soviet parliament as deputy prime minister in charge of foreign trade – a post he held until the end of last year. Earlier this week, Mr Sitaryan sent a letter to parliament saying that he did not want his name to be reconsidered and was "changing his profession".

The lack of any other senior officials suggests that the London visit will be focused entirely on the G7 meeting, and that British-Soviet relations will come a poor second.

● **Bomb explodes:** A bomb exploded in the Estonian home guard headquarters in the capital, Tallinn, on Tuesday in an attack the republic's government said was aimed at discrediting Mr Gorbachev ahead of the G7 summit. A guard was slightly injured, Tiit Prunli, a foreign ministry spokesman said yesterday. He said it was one of many provocations which had been carefully timed. *(Reuter)*

EC urges facelift for zoos

From Tom Walker
in Brussels

THE European Commission yesterday proposed rules outlawing the often squalid and barbaric conditions found in some of the 1,000 zoos across the EC, half of which it wants to close down.

The commission proposals are based on existing British rules enshrined in the 1981 Zoo Licensing Act. Together with Denmark, Britain has the community's best-kept zoos. The commission says its directive for the protection of animals in zoos will overcome a loophole in the Washington Convention protecting endangered species.

The convention, which was adopted by the EC in 1982, has never really worked because, although it specifies that endangered species cannot be imported into a country unless the buyer has adequate facilities, the community has no rules outlining what those facilities should be. Many zoo owners have remained immune from prosecution, despite clear instances of cruelty.

Originally the directive contained a detailed list of more than 100 points harmonising standards for animals in captivity. But the directive approved yesterday leaves the application of standards up to member states, and merely defines broad requirements that the "behavioural, social and biological needs" of animals should be fulfilled. It says strict standards of animal husbandry should be kept, along with adequate veterinary care.

Gypsies get blame for ills of Eastern Europe

From Alan McGregor in Geneva

WHILE some are finding their traditional skills and enterprise in much greater demand, Eastern Europe's four to five million gypsies are worried at growing friction with national populations.

Over the past 12 months, there have been deaths and serious incidents, houses set on fire and gypsy families beaten up in Transylvania in Romania, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria. There has been violence even in places where gypsies have for a long time been settled and seemingly accepted.

Nicolae Gheorghe, representative of the Romany International Union, has told the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe meeting on minorities here that the violence is sufficiently serious to warrant investigation by a fact-finding mission. Many have tried unsuccessfully to flee to Western Europe.

"One of the reasons is that people try to associate some ethnic groups with the former communist system in the belief they benefited from it," he said. "In Romania some groups were ordered to settle in the 1950s, it being policy to restrict their movement.

"Now, as people try to get rid of the communist heritage they are also turning against the Romanies who built houses in their villages and have been members of the community these many years as legal residents. Another factor is the rise of nationalism which makes people see ethnic differences as alien and suspect, even a danger to society," he said.

Life in ruins: a Romanian gypsy boy living on a rubbish dump near the Polish border

Mr Gheorghe, from the Institute for Sociology in Bucharest, says that even straight commercial activity by gypsies is criticised. They were viewed as "the new rich of the transition period", exploiters, crossing into another country to buy Western products unobtainable in their own and bringing them back to sell at a profit.

"The public still has the mentality of the previous regime," he said. "That is, you have no alternative but to exist on a low but steady wage, depending on the state-run shops. People speak a lot about the free market but they do not want to face up to its realities." Gypsies who benefited from compulsory education in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, he says, have produced a vigorous, growing intelligentsia such as hardly exists among Romanies in Western Europe.

"Many gypsies are engineers, physicians, lawyers, teachers, writers and journalists. Literature in the Romany language is thriving," he said. "I think the intellectual leadership of the Romany people is essentially in Eastern Europe. In the West, gypsies have always been more isolated from society as a whole, cut off culturally, even if they are better off than those of us in the East."

Prague acts on pollution

From Gerard Davies
in Prague

FACTORIES in Czechoslovakia are being given five years to clean up their act or face fines of up to £20 million in a new law on environmental air pollution passed by the federal parliament.

The new regulations replace the communist "chimney laws" dating from 1967, which merely imposed minimum heights for smoke stacks and ignored the long distance ecological effects of emissions from heavy industry which have caused incalculable damage across the rest of Europe.

Northern Bohemia is one of the worst ecological disasters in central Europe. Due to the extensive brown coal reserves, the once beautiful valleys have become an important industrial area, littered with foul smelling factories and coal fired power stations. In autumn, low clouds effectively seal off the tops of the valleys, filling the dales with choking dust, sulphur and heavy metals up to 20 times international "safe" limits.

About 80 per cent of Czechoslovak forests are dying from acid rain. Radio broadcasts warn schoolchildren to wear breathing masks outside. In Decin, one of the worst hit towns, residents are advised not to open their windows or doors for more than five minutes a day. Life expectancy is ten years below the average in EC countries.

The new law authorises a range of penalties according to pollutants defined in the bill.

Cresson remarks attacked

Paris — President Mitterrand's advisers yesterday tried to limit the damage to the Socialists caused by comments by Edith Cresson, the prime minister, on possible mass expulsions of France's illegal immigrants using charter flights (Philip Jacobson writes).

They denounced claims by the National Front that the she has been converted to its overtly racist platform. According to Jack Lang, the minister of culture and M Mitterrand's spokesman, the socialists' policy on immigration has also nothing in common with the "shameful" methods adopted by the previous conservative government.

Recalling that this had led to "organised round-ups" of illegal immigrants, M Lang insisted that while Mme Cresson, like M Mitterrand, was opposed to clandestine immigration, both were committed to a humanitarian solution to the problem. But Mme Cresson's indiscretions continue to draw bitter criticism from human rights organisations as well as the left wing of her own party.

Detainee prize

Strasbourg — The 1990 European parliament Sakharov prize has been awarded to Aung San Suu Kyi, who is being held under house arrest in Rangoon. Mrs Kyi, aged 46, heads the National League for Democracy, which won the elections in May, 1990. *(AFP)*

Churches law

Budapest — Hundred of buildings and properties once owned by Hungarian churches but confiscated during the communist era can now be reclaimed by religious groups, according to a controversial law passed yesterday. Churches have 10 years to reclaim any property they had before 1948.

Budget record

Bonn — The German cabinet yesterday approved a hugely expensive DM422.4 billion (£143 billion) budget for 1992, camouflaging it as an austerity package for the years ahead. This is the largest ever German budget, with DM109 billion – well over a quarter of the total – earmarked for revamping eastern Germany.

Good old times

Brussels — The European Commission's time-keeping department has ruled that Britain can keep putting its clocks back at the end of October, instead of at the end of September, as on the Continent — the sixth time the commission has passed the same directive.

PARIS NOTEBOOK by Susan Bell

Part-time bachelors find summer romance

This week sees the start of that great French institution *Les Grandes Vacances* and with it the mass exodus of Parisians seeking refuge from their congested and tourist-infested city for two months of sun, sand and sex. But not all the activity in the last category is going on at the beach.

According to a poll of 4,350 companies by Patronat (France's equivalent of the Confederation of British Industry), more than 50 per cent of the workforce will take the whole of next month off. By tradition, many wives and children leave this week to get a head start on their tan, while their husbands join them in August. However, for husbands left behind to sweat it out in the city, the summer presents a heaven-sent opportunity to celebrate new-found freedom with a spot of illicit romance.

For a large number of these summer bachelors, the long holidays are an open invitation to infidelity. One poll found that 57 per cent felt the holiday season encouraged infidelity, while a third confessed to profiting from this "conjugal pause" to indulge in an affair.

Frenchmen only consider themselves married when the wife is in town: as soon as she goes on holiday marriage vows are miraculously reversed and they consider themselves single once more.

Where do the summer bachelors find romance? Parks, swimming pools and cafes provide good stalking grounds, as do the prime tourist attractions. It makes things simpler when the object of your infidelity is going back to Stockholm a few days before your wife returns. French wives, aware of what goes on in their absence, take advantage of this temporary separation to seduce the bronzed gigolos at the beach.

On the evidence of the polls, for all the ingenuity and energy they expend in extramarital affairs, Frenchmen are surprisingly unable (or unwilling) to cope in more mundane domestic affairs. Things quickly slip a notch or two in the French household when Madame is *en vacances*.

Thirty-nine per cent of bachelors never bother to make the bed; 61 per cent live on sandwiches and canned foods; 32 per cent let the dirty laundry pile up until their wife's return; and 10 per cent wear the same clothes for days at a time while their wife is away (presumably they cannot find a clean shirt).

What kind of impression the rumpled grey sheets and heaps of dirty laundry festering in a corner leaves on the mistress invited up for a nightcap can only be imagined. But as a dauntingly high percentage of Frenchmen change their underwear infrequently, even when their wives *are* around to do the washing, perhaps French women are already acclimatised. Oddly, despite all this extramarital activity, 72 per cent of Frenchmen profess to miss their wife when she is on holiday.

But French wives are not the only ones with something to worry about. A survey by the newspaper *Journal du Dimanche* shows that a significant number of French employees view the summer months as an opportunity to take longer lunches, do personal work, leave earlier and telephone family and friends from the office. And that is just the 50 per cent of employees who are sticking around this summer.

Patronat says that on past form, the summer holidays this year will cost France a 30 per cent month-on-month decline in industrial output and a 23 per cent drop in exports from July to August. Just over 40 per cent of companies will close 80 per cent of their activities for July and August.

Bush ends Pretoria ban and boosts aid

From REUTER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush yesterday ended a five-year-old American trade embargo against South Africa, saying Pretoria's "irreversible" move towards dismantling apartheid justified lifting economic sanctions. He said South Africa had met all five conditions, including the release of political prisoners, that Congress had imposed in 1986 to punish Pretoria for its policies of racial separation.

"Progress has been slow and often painful, but progress has definitely been made," Mr Bush said. "During the past two years we have seen a profound transformation in the situation in South Africa ... I really firmly believe that this progress is irreversible."

The president said he had issued an executive order terminating the sanctions. He said he had telephoned Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, to inform him of the decision and would telephone President de Klerk today.

But the ANC has insisted Pretoria has not released all political prisoners as it claims. The ANC said there were nearly 1,000 still being held, prisoners that the government said were being held for non-political reasons. Mr Bush also said he had ordered a doubling of American assistance for South African blacks from $40 million (£24.7 million) to $80 million.

The money, he said, would be used to help to meet economic and housing needs for South African blacks. "This is a moment in history which many believed would never be attained. But we have done so through the efforts of many people in South Africa and around the world."

The sanctions barred trade between America and South Africa on a wide variety of items, including gold coins and computer technology. They also banned US investment and direct air links.

Mr Bush said separate legislation would continue to bar American arms deals and Export-Import Bank loans to South Africa.

Explaining his decision, he said economic growth would help both blacks and whites. Members of Congress who support continuing the sanctions have said they are powerless to block Mr Bush.

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A star is born: Kasatka, a 17ft, 5,000lb killer whale, above, giving birth at Sea World Park in San Diego yesterday and, below, mother and calf doing well. Five killer whale calves have born and raised at Sea World Parks

Hong Kong QC voices anger at airport deal

From DAVID WATTS IN HONG KONG

THE government came in for severe criticism last night over the agreement with China on the colony's multi-billion-pound new airport. The agreement has been widely seen as vital to Hong Kong's continued prosperity but there is growing concern about the political price Hong Kong will pay in loss of autonomy for its new airport and harbour.

Martin Lee, QC, who leads the Hong Kong United Democrats, last night told the legislative council, presided over by the governor, Sir David Wilson, that the new agreement was so vague as to defy meaningful analysis. He called on the British government to clarify precisely what lies in store for Hong Kong which was promised in the 1984 agreement that it would enjoy complete autonomy until the Chinese takeover in 1997.

Although neither Peking nor London will pay a penny towards the cost of the airport, the final decisions were taken over the heads of the people of Hong Kong while the legislature was not even being invited to endorse it, Mr Lee said. As the governor looked on impassively, Mr Lee accused both Britain and China of working consistently throughout the first half of the 13-year transition period to ensure that the right of the people of Hong Kong to govern their community democratically would not be realised before or after 1997.

Of particular concern is the obscurity of a single sentence in the new agreement that makes it unclear who in reality will be making the final decision. The sentence states: "Any decision will give full weight to the Chinese government's views."

The essence of the new agreement was that it was not necessary to allow the people of Hong Kong to have control over their own affairs, said Mr Lee. "That this new agreement should be reached at the outset of the second half of this transition period is particularly ironic in that this was originally supposed to be the point at which democratic self-administration here was to be reaching full bloom."

He said that as the airport negotiations had progressed, Hong Kong's colonial officials had been gradually replaced by their superiors from the foreign office and during the final rounds no representative from Hong Kong was allowed to attend. "In the absence of any participation from Hong Kong representatives in the negotiations, how can anyone here be sure that Sir Percy Cradock (special negotiator) and Sir Robin McLaren (ambassador to Peking) had not followed their earlier practice of concluding a secret agreement or understanding with Peking."

The Foreign Office maintains that the negotiators in Peking were in close touch by fax with Hong Kong throughout the final talks.

Bomb is found on Tokyo jet

São Paulo — Federal agents discovered a bomb in a suitcase on board a Japan Airlines (JAL) Boeing 747 jet bound for Tokyo with a stop in Los Angeles, police said.

The bomb was detected by x-ray equipment at the international airport here, and the plane was cordoned off by police and searched by a bomb squad.

Police were trying to identify the owner of the suitcase. Among the passengers on the JAL flight was the former Brazilian soccer star Pele, according to sources. *(AFP)*

Freedom deal

Guwahati, India — Assam state will release more jailed maoist separatists despite the death of a kidnapped Soviet engineer who was part of an exchange deal, officials said. The United Liberation Front of Assam said the engineer was killed after he grabbed a gun from a rebel guard and tried to escape. *(Reuter)*

Rock bottom

Manila — Rumours that Mount Pinatubo was spewing out diamonds set local people frantically sifting through fallen ash, but the stories were merely quartz crystals formed by the hardening of magma inside the volcano. *(AFP)*

US hooked on diet of food scares

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

In *LA Story*, Steve Martin's affectionate satire on southern California, diners in a chic restaurant order "decaf" dental floss to round off their meal.

Perhaps they laughed in old-fashioned parts of the country, but in New York the audience uttered not a titter. For a food-conscious city that long ago replaced ice cream with fat-free frozen yoghurt and that lives on low-cal pizza and decaf-diet soda, there was nothing fanciful in the floss.

The rest of the country is now fast catching up on the dietary obsessions of the coastal cities, thanks to relentless and conflicting claims from the food and health industry and the dramatic actions of a new chief of the Food and Drug Administration.

"Is there anything left we can eat?" *Newsweek* wondered the other day after the latest bout of nutritional infighting. The cause of that was an abortive attempt to revise the dietary guidelines that have been taught to every mother and child since they were devised by the Department of Agriculture in 1958. According to these rules, once deemed a model for the American way of life, food is divided into four categories: milk, meat, vegetables and fruits, and bread and cereals.

After all the studies revealing the dangers from the fat lurking in meat and dairy products, the Department of Agriculture came under pressure to redraw the chart. In April it produced the "eating-right pyramid", a device that reversed the traditional priorities, emphasising bread, cereal, grains and pasta, followed by vegetables and fruits. The old staples of dairy products, meat, poultry, fish and eggs were relegated to the less essential category with advice to limit intake. Only fats, oils and sweets fared worse.

According to the new guidelines, America should abandon old thinking about eating meat every day and replace meat with meals consisting of "grains, vegetables and beans". While nutritionists were hailing the guidelines as a breakthrough, the powerful meat industry got to work, denouncing the revision as little short of a plot to subvert traditional American values. The Department of Agriculture, which is both watchdog and guardian of the agriculture industry, caved in and scrapped the new plan pending "further study".

The move has infuriated the health experts and David Kessler, the new young head of the Food and Drug Administration, which has authority over all items except for products containing more than two per cent meat or poultry, the domain of the Department of Agriculture. Dr Kessler, aged 39, is both a physician and a lawyer. He has turned the FDA from the lapdog it had become in the Reagan years into the pit bull of government agencies.

Shoppers are spending so much time analysing the data on labels while cruising the aisles of supermarkets that thieves are said by police to be enjoying a field day snatching their purses. Dr Kessler wants to change all that with much-simplified labels and strict new rules. One cartoonist suggested this week that he simply stamp cereals with a new FDA label: "Worthless food product from hell".

In recent months, as animal fat rather than cholesterol and calories has been elevated to the villain's role, every fast-food chain has introduced lean or "lite" versions of its staples.

Now, as the FDA is taking action to bring order to the health-claim frenzy, Americans are learning of a new danger said to be lurking in their homes — electromagnetic radiation. According to some theories, yet unproved, you may raise your chances of cancer simply by standing too close to your coffee-maker or your toaster.

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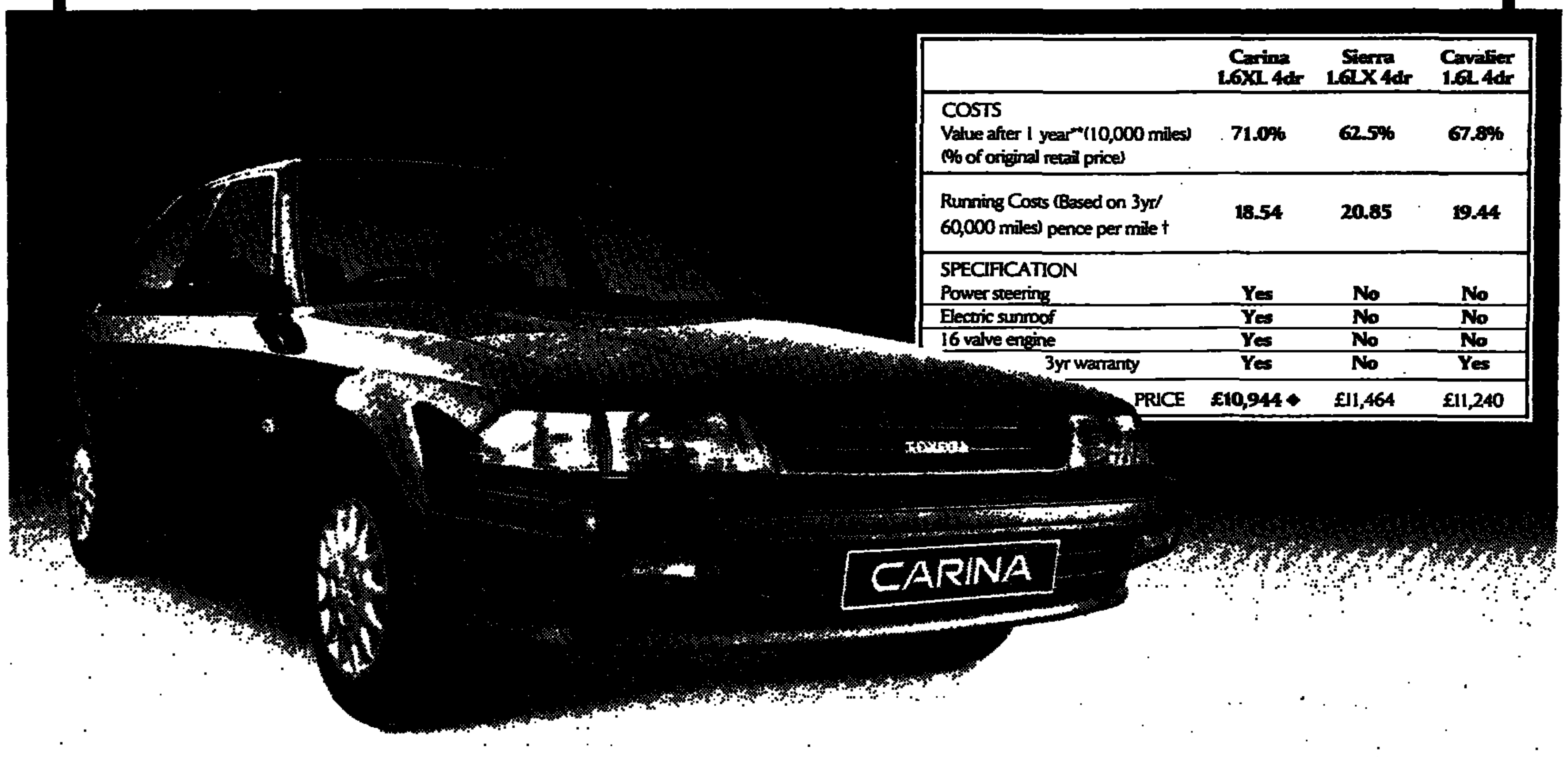

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Beirut shows a flash of old splendour amid ruins of conflict

War: a Lebanese soldier manning a checkpoint on the 'green line'

Lebanon's fragile peace is drawing expatriates who want to rediscover their identity despite the sceptics, **Richard Beeston** writes from Beirut

THE passengers broke into applause as the Beirut coastline came into view. The whoops of excitement did not die down, even when the landing was delayed by a pack of wild dogs on the runway.

For more than a decade and a half, landing at Beirut international airport has been a nerve-wracking experience — a time for new arrivals to begin pondering on the ride down the notorious airport road, best remembered for bouts of sniping and kidnapping.

These days, the atmosphere in the shabby and neglected arrivals hall is much like any other Mediterranean airport in summer, where the queues at customs are no longer journalists and gangsters but families dressed in holiday clothes clutching cameras and presents for their relatives.

Although most hold foreign passports and have travelled from as far as Melbourne, Vancouver or Lagos, they are returning to rediscover their identity and share in the dream that their country is making slow progress towards peace and prosperity.

A young mother travelling with her daughter, aged two, said: "She has never seen her country, so I wanted to show her how beautiful it is." They had been drawn from their home in British Columbia by reports that the war was coming to a close.

The view the child had from the air of a landscape of sea and mountains looked enticing, but once on the ground there is little left of what used to be known as the "Switzerland of the Middle East" when Beirut was the prosperous and decadent playground for bankers, spies and tourists.

The city can still display some seductive qualities, like the St George's hotel, once the most important watering hole for politicians and journalists in the Middle East and today a symbol of the country's resilience and perverseness. Even though the hotel and the buildings around it are in ruins, the swimming pool and yacht club thrive. Women wearing jewellery, make-up and brightly coloured bikinis still play backgammon at the poolside, and men with gold chains, smoking cigars, continue to clinch business deals over large lunches.

A prewar photograph, used as a placemat for diners, shows nine speedboats in the hotel's harbour in 1975. Yesterday, 39 were moored at the newly extended jetty. One of the sleekest belongs to Patrick Ogden-Smith, an Anglo-Lebanese entrepreneur, who has adapted and survived every turn of the civil war and believes that Beirut may yet reclaim its position as the meeting place for East and West.

"It is too early to say, but the prospects are better than they have ever been for an end to the war," he said, emphasising that the fragile stability could unravel in days. "People are still being cautious. There is no great new investment, no economic boom. People are coming to look, not to stay," he said, adding that the only evidence of any new input into the city's future was the arrival this week of 50 dust carts which, judging by the state of the streets, should be busy for a long time.

What hinders any real break with the 1980s is the enormity of reconstruction in a city with barely any infrastructure. Any hope that part of the old Beirut had been salvaged was lost for ever for Sherif, a middle-aged businessman, who emigrated to Australia 21 years ago but returned for the first time this week with his wife.

"I am glad I came to see it for myself, but I will never come back here again," he said, half in disgust and half in amazement, as he surveyed the scale of destruction at Martyr's Square, once the hub of the business district and now the highlight of any visit to the "green line", the belt of ruins which runs through the city separating Muslim west Beirut from the Christian east.

The same scepticism is shared by many Lebanese who have remained throughout the war but have been deceived too many times by false promises and deceptive lulls in the fighting.

Peace: the city's yacht club is thriving with 39 speedboats moored at the jetty

Arms talks highlight US dilemma over Iraq

From Susan Ellicott in Washington

ALEKSANDR Bessmertnykh, the Soviet foreign minister, begins a new round of meetings with key American officials in Washington today to speed up talks on a treaty to cut long-range weapons before a possible superpower summit late this month. The minister's trip coincides with renewed concern among Bush administration officials about pushing ahead a White House proposal to restrict the sales of weapons to the Middle East and eventually ban from the region biological arms, ballistic missiles and the production of nuclear weapons-grade material.

President Bush is expected to argue his proposal next week during gatherings in London with the heads of state and finance ministers of the world's seven largest industrial powers. Pentagon officials have drawn attention to Mr Bush's initiative, announced in May, by reporting in past days that Iraq's acknowledged nuclear programme could produce a bomb if the West supplied missing parts.

But Mr Bush faces growing domestic criticism that his focus on arms is partly an attempt to gloss over the real root of the problem, or Saddam Hussein's control of the ruling Baath party four months after the Gulf ceasefire.

US intelligence services are also under fire for apparently miscalculating Iraq's bomb-building capability. American newspapers have reported that intelligence experts had signs last December of Iraq's secret programme to produce nuclear fuel from enriched uranium. They quoted officials as saying the evidence was deemed insufficient to influence the choice of bombing targets in the allied air campaign. As a result, Iraq emerged from the war with a crude method of enriching uranium through electromagnetic separation.

US administration officials have said that a 29-page report by Iraq to the International Atomic Energy Agency contains significant omissions. *The Washington Times* newspaper quoted American officials yesterday as saying that Iraqi forces have been burying nuclear-related equipment in persistent efforts to defy United Nations demands to inspect all suspected nuclear sites.

The flurry of reports of Iraq's flouting of Gulf ceasefire resolutions has increased criticism of Mr Bush's handling of post-war events. The conservative newspaper *The Wall Street Journal* yesterday said "the Keystone Kops seem to be running the compliance show" and warned that Mr Bush's hopes for his "new world order" in the Middle East probably depended on a further use of force against Baghdad.

American officials are likely to discuss the possible use of further military force with Mr Bessmertnykh. He is with Mikhail Moiseyev, Mikhail Gorbachev's senior military official, and Alexei Obukhov, the deputy foreign minister, to try to clear the way for 30 per cent cuts in strategic arms stockpiles. Mr Bush has said that a summit with Mr Gorbachev this summer depends at least on a draft Start agreement. The Soviet foreign minister is scheduled to meet James Baker, the US Secretary of State, today and tomorrow.

The Group of Seven comprises the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, Canada, France and Italy.

UK takes new line on Syria

From George Brock
in The Hague

AS WESTERN governments try to tempt Syria into a Middle East peace conference, Britain announced yesterday that is ready to end the European ban on arms sales to the country. Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, told EC foreign ministers that Britain was no longer insisting that the embargo be maintained now that diplomatic relations had been resumed between London and Damascus.

The embargo and breach of ties followed the Hindawi affair in 1986, a Syrian-sponsored attempt to blow up an El Al airliner departing from London. Diplomatic relations between London and Damascus were resumed at the end of last year. Until yesterday, Britain had been the only government opposing the lifting of the EC arms embargo.

But the chairman of yesterday's meeting, Hans van den Broek, The Netherlands' foreign minister, said that the time was not right to end the ban. He told Mr Hogg that any lifting of the embargo should be postponed because of the new international effort to limit arms sales after the Gulf war and the sensitive state of negotiations over a possible Middle East peace conference.

But Mr Hogg made it clear that the shift in Britain's position had been in reponse to Syria's promptings. He added that there was no link between it and British hostages held in the Lebanon.

The timing of the announcement appears designed to nudge Damascus towards a conciliatory stance on a peace conference. The EC ministers heard yesterday that President Bush had written to President Assad of Syria and expects an answer this week.

PLO to give weapons to army

From Reuter
in Tyre

THE Palestine Liberation Organisation, chastened by the loss of guerrilla bases in battles last week near the southern port of Sidon, told the Lebanese government yesterday that it was donating the rest of its heavy weapons to the Lebanese army. Lebanese troops have moved south from Sidon to encircle three Palestinian camps near Tyre where PLO guerrillas are preparing to hand over the weapons.

Mohsen Ibrahim, a Lebanese communist leader who is mediating between the PLO and the Beirut government, met Omar Karami, the Lebanese prime minister, yesterday to give him a message from Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the PLO.

"I informed the Lebanese officials of Yassir Arafat's willingness to give the (Palestinian heavy) weapons as a gift to the army," Mr Ibrahim told reporters after the meeting. Mr Ibrahim met Mr Arafat in Tunis last week and went with him to Algeria, where Mr Arafat asked President Chadli Benjedid to mediate an end to the fighting around Sidon.

Mr Ibrahim said the message showed the PLO had not planned the fighting and PLO leaders looked forward to "close and brotherly" relations with the army. In the fighting last week the army, pressing to bring south Lebanon under state authority, dislodged PLO guerrillas from their last bases facing Israeli troops and their local allies.

The estimated 6,000 PLO guerrillas, beaten back into two refugee camps near Sidon, handed their heavy weapons to the army for safekeeping after four days of fighting. Hundreds of troops, backed by tanks, moved south from Sidon yesterday and deployed around the three Palestinian refugee camps near Tyre, 48 miles south of Beirut.

Dozens of soldiers took up positions around the refugee camps of Buss, north of Tyre, Burj al-Shamali to the east and Rashidiyeh to the south, where hundreds of guerrillas are based. Military sources said the PLO would soon start collecting its heavy guns inside the camps to surrender them to the army. Palestinian sources said PLO leaders were thinking of evacuating some guerrillas from Lebanon, but Mr Arafat was quoted in Tunis as saying his men would not withdraw from the camps.

Young admirer: a boy looking at a life-size statue of Tintin and Snowy, his dog, at an exhibition yesterday in Welkenraedt, Belgium

Belgium fetes Tintin and creator

Brussels — The young globe-trotting reporter and Belgian cartoon hero Tintin, whose adventures solving crimes and mysteries took him from from Peru to China, is starring in two exhibitions.

Organisers say the exhibition that opened last month in Welkenraedt, eastern Belgium, is the biggest devoted to Tintin's creator, the late Georges Remi — better-known under his pen-name Herge — and his colourful cast of characters. Tintin's round, innocent face and distinctive quiff of ginger-coloured hair have endeared him to millions since he first appeared in a weekly magazine in 1929.

The exhibition at Welkenraedt includes a pyramid of Tintin albums in 41 different languages. The 23 books have sold more than 140 million copies. Also on display are Herge's first drawings for a boy scout magazine in the 1920s, and his original artwork. There is a mock-up of the opium den from *The Blue Lotus*, and a range of cardboard mountains to recreate the atmosphere of *Tintin in Tibet*.

Admirers say Herge, who died in 1983, set new standards in cartoon art. But he also faced charges that his albums were racist. *(Reuter)*

Taste for hi-tech may be undoing of LA police chief

From Charles Bremner in New York

HIGH technology was the pride and joy of Daryl Gates, the pugnacious chief of the Los Angeles police, America's second largest force, for the past 13 years. It may have also proved his undoing.

First came the infamous March incident in which officers beat a black motorist. A bystander's videotape was replayed to the world. Now, thanks to the computer terminals Mr Gates mounted in patrol cars, the public has been given a far broader glimpse of the dark side of the celebrated LAPD. Extracts from computer discs were the most graphic evidence in a report by investigators who depicted the force as efficient but afflicted with racism and a fondness for violence and governed by a siege mentality. Mr Gates has rejected its call for his resignation.

"Find me a pursuit ... make this an exciting night", one of the black-uniformed officers tapped out on his keyboard as he started duty one night in February. "A full moon and a full gun make for a night of fun," said an officer in another exchange. "Sounds like monkey slapping time," said one on hearing of an incident in the ghetto.

The sophisticated communications were adopted in the mid-1980s as a great improvement on jammed voice frequencies. The messages, culled from thousands of more routine ones, were seized on by critics of the force as proof that its approach has more in keeping with films such as *Blade Runner*, the horror fantasy of a future Los Angeles, and *RoboCop*, a gore-laden fable about a future Detroit, than with Hollywood's more heroic version of Los Angeles law enforcement.

Warren Christopher, a former assistant secretary of state who headed the investigating commission, called the computer exchanges "astonishing" although he said the majority of officers were honest and dedicated.

In a report seen as a milestone in the annals of American policing, the commission urged the Los Angeles police to adopt a community-based system, extracting officers from their "cruisers" and helicopters and sending them out on more foot patrols where they would have casual contact with the public.

Officers were too attached to the thrills of the car chase, it said, and above all imbued with hostility to non-European races, homosexuals and women. "I almost got me a Mexican last night but he dropped the damn gun too quick," reported one officer. "I would love to drive down Slauson (a black district) with a flame thrower. We would have a barbecue," said another.

"Officers are encouraged to command and confront, not to communicate," the commission said. Their culture of emphasizing crime control over prevention isolated them from the community.

Mr Gates, who is protected from dismissal by a 70-year-old statute devised to combat political corruption, said he refused to "run away" from his job. Aggressive tactics were essential for a force facing a virtual war against gangs, drug dealers and a general culture of lawlessness, he said.

The mayor, Tom Bradley, urged Mr Gates to step down. But Mr Gates's approach has been backed by the National Association of Chiefs of Police in Miami.

Iraq 'used acid on civilians'

Paris — The forces of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq sprayed concentrated sulphuric acid on Iraqi civilians from the air just eight days after signing a Gulf war ceasefire, a French television network reported. An anti-Saddam rising erupted in the Shia Muslim south and in the Kurdish north after fighting halted on February 28.

The state-owned FR3 network quoted French troops who treated the injured men, women and children at Salman, southwestern Iraq, for severe burns it said were caused by the acid. The report did not say how many people were killed or injured. The attack occurred "once the Iraqis were sure the allies would not fire on the helicopters", FR3 said. *(Reuter)*

Lethal patient

Perth — Police and firefighters in gas suits and breathing apparatus evacuated the casualty sections of two hospitals and surrounding streets after lethal fumes leaked from the body of a man who had swallowed pesticide tablets which, mixed with his body fluids, had produced a highly toxic gas. *(AFP)*

Cocaine seized

Mexico City — Police seized 2.7 tonnes of cocaine flown into Mexico from Colombia on a plane that eluded Mexican and US anti-drug radar networks to land at a private airstrip in the state of Zacatecas, 300 miles north of here, the attorney general's office said. One person was reported to have been arrested. *(AFP)*

Inventor wins

Los Angeles — Clayton Jacobson, inventor of the water jet ski, has been awarded $21 million (£13 million) damages against Kawasaki Heavy Industries, which was found guilty of illegally marketing the ski in Japan. He said that the award was inadequate. *(AP)*

Stalled for life

Philadelphia — A judge told Richard Canning, aged 19, that the $89,000 (£55,000) he owes for 440 unpaid traffic fines, and for driving without a licence or insurance, meant he might not get a licence until he is over 100. *(AP)*

Goggles versus TV in Mexican battle of the eclipse

By Nick Nuttall and Andrea Dabrowski

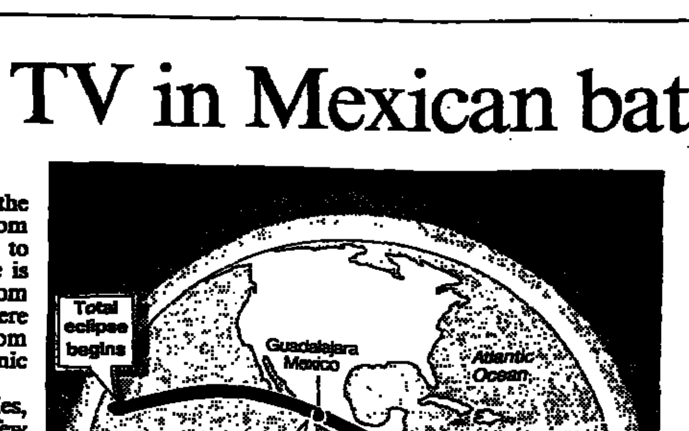
HIGH above Mexico City's ancient Aztec shrines, a celestial battle between Huitzilopochtli, the sun god, and Coyolxauhqui, his arch-rival, the moon goddess, today will turn day into night.

From the Hawaiian islands, across Central America and into South America, millions will gather along a 100-mile-wide path for what some scientists claim will be the most spectacular solar eclipse that has been seen in decades, if not this century. Mexico, where the event will last for nearly seven miunutes in some parts, is gripped by eclipse fever.

On street corners the souvenir merchants are out in force, offering everything from eclipse T-shirts to mugs for an event which 1,000 years ago would have had the Mexican Indians reaching for the sacrificial knives. In the bars and at traffic lights the chatter has turned from economics and politics to eclipse chasing. Everyone is demanding to know from friends and relations where they will be and with whom they will share the "cosmic experience".

The Indian communities, instead of sacrificing a few unfortunates to stop the sun god being eaten by the moon, as was once the belief, will be putting on more sober displays of machete rattling, drum beating and yelling to scare the moon away.

For the majority of Mexico's 80 million people the main worry has been whether special protection goggles and filters are affordable. The 60p goggles have been authorised and heavily promoted by the health ministry in a nation where the minimum daily wage is £2.50. Over recent days that worry



has turned to confusion and in some cases anger.

After getting people to buy the eye protectors, the government now has begun recommending that everyone would be safer indoors watching the eclipse, which is due around noon, on television. This official pronouncement has delighted Televisa, the company with the broadcasting monopoly, which has been running its own campaign against the goggles to boost ratings.

The television company's simple message has been: "The pleasure of watching (the eclipse) can leave you blind". Meanwhile, a little girl's voice has been broadcasting on the radio in soft, penitent tones: "How I would love to see the eclipse. But to see the sun can burn your retina. And then there would be no eclipse, no more flowers, no more sun, nothing. Ask me how much I would like to see the eclipse, that is if I could".

A spokesman for the health ministry defended the campaign by stating that the government was concerned for people in remote rural villages who might have missed other messages about how to watch the eclipse safely.

During the last eclipse in Mexico one-and-a half million children suffered retinal damage and in some cases total blindness.

However, many prominent Mexicans have become outraged by the campaign. "The fear instilled through these messages is irresponsible. The media and the government should inform, rather than create false alarms," Rodolfo Neri Vela, Mexico's first astronaut, who in 1985 went on the space mission Atlantis, said.

"You cannot take away from people the opportunity to watch a phenomenon that they will probably never be able to see again. Once the moon has totally covered the sun, the most beautiful phase will begin, one that no one should miss," he said.

The eclipse is set to start at around 7.30 am local Hawaiian time, where some of the world's biggest and most powerful telescopes are trained on the heavens. Scientists from around the globe have gathered in Hawaii to witness the event and to make detailed studies of the sun's surface and atmosphere.

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Children who feel no joy in wonderland

A new study shows a child can suffer from depression, **Liz Hodgkinson** reports — but how are parents to know?

NICK MALAND

Children can often seem sad, distraught or anxious — but can they actually be depressed? Ten years ago, most doctors and psychiatrists would have said no — at least, not before adolescence.

Chronic depression, a pervading and persistent blackness, used to be thought extremely rare in children, if indeed it could be said to occur at all. But a new study undertaken at the Nuffield Child Psychiatry Unit at Newcastle university suggests that it is far more common than anybody previously realised.

One third of 300 children aged nine to 16 referred to the unit suffering from a variety of problems, including disruptive behaviour, unwillingness to go to school and eating difficulties, were found to be deeply depressed. Their depression had gone unnoticed, in some cases for years. Although their parents and teachers knew that something was wrong, few had considered that these children were suffering from chronic depression.

Those involved in the Newcastle Child Depression Project, the results of which are published in the *British Journal of Psychiatry* this week, believe that depression among children is widespread. It has gone unrecognised, according to Professor Israel Kolvin, who supervised the study, for two reasons: one, because few psychiatrists have ever bothered to talk properly to the children themselves; and two, because previously there have not been effective diagnostic techniques for evaluating childhood depression.

But now a childhood depression inventory, developed in America, is said accurately to diagnose the condition. The inventory was formulated in 1981 by Maria Kovacs, a child psychiatrist, for children aged eight to 13. They are asked to indicate responses to 27 groups of statements, each of which includes three descriptions of increasing severity, such as: "I am sometimes sad"; "I am always sad"; "I am never sad". Responses are rated on a scale of nought to two to give a total "score".

The Newcastle study, which used a modified version of the inventory, also indicated that up to the age of 12, boys suffer significantly more than girls from depression; 39 per cent of nine to 12-year-old boys were depressed, compared with 18 per cent of girls. After the age of 12, though, for some reason the situation changes dramatically, with 68 per cent of girls suffering from depression, compared with 19 per cent of boys.

How does childhood depression differ from simple sulkiness, a bad mood or antisocial behaviour? The study has identified four main ingredients: withdrawal from society, inability to form proper relationships, loss of appetite, and loss of interest in all activities. The overwhelming symptom of childhood depression, it found, is self-deprecation, where children have very low self-esteem.

Professor Kolvin accepts that brief periods of misery or unhappiness are part of a child's life, and something that parents can coax a child out of. Depression in a child, he says, is the type of sadness that never lifts, the loss of a sense of joy, often characterised by sleeping badly and a lack of concentration. Parents should be concerned when a child's persistent mood handicaps everyday life.

Philip Graham, a professor of child psychiatry at the Institute of Child Health in London, feels that although criteria for diagnosing child depression are helpful, it is also important to be aware of the circumstances in which the child is living, and the way the child perceives his problem.

"We know that at least a minority of children can become severely depressed from the age of seven or eight. The issue becomes more problematic with children who may be unhappy, but are less severely depressed. American child psychiatrists have an enormous need to make specific diagnoses, and we now have two international inventories designed to diagnose depression in children. If I see an unhappy child, I would not see it as essential to have to make a diagnosis using these criteria, before I could decide whether he was actually depressed."

> *'Children are not naturally sad, withdrawn and unsociable — and if they are, help should be sought'*

But what causes this depression? "It does not seem as if depression is inherited, and we did not find that depressed parents necessarily had depressed children," Professor Kolvin says. "There is some evidence to suggest that an adverse birth experience, such as a forceps delivery or being in intensive care for a long time, can make a child vulnerable. Bereavement is a very common cause, and some children suffer greatly when their grandparents die, although their parents hardly ever realise this.

"Separation and divorce can of course create problems, as can the prolonged absence of one parent through illness. In such cases, the child often feels responsible for the sick parent. We also found that children with a perfectionist streak in their natures were more likely to suffer from depression. For our study, we specifically excluded children suffering from known psychiatric disorders, such as schizophrenia, or those on prescription drugs."

Diagnosis of depression is one thing, but how can it best be treated? "We do not like to use drugs with children, and we have found that the most helpful therapy is through talking. We try to encourage the children to change the way they are looking at things, to get them to see the situation in a more positive light." Could a parent perform this task, instead of a sending a child into therapy? Professor Kolvin believes they could, but points out that one of the problems with depressed children is that they often cannot talk to a parent about what is really bothering them.

"If a child is chronically depressed that child really does need help, and someone to talk to, and that should be uppermost in the parent's mind rather than worrying about a child in therapy," he says.

He believes that if depression in childhood remains unrecognised it can lead to anorexia. Julia Buckroyd, a psychotherapist who specialises in treating eating disorders among the young, says however that while most sufferers from anorexia will exhibit multiple signs of distress, including depression, depression is a symptom rather than the cause.

Professor Kolvin estimates that on average treatment takes two months, but Jenny Kendrick, a child psychotherapist, believes that sometimes effective therapy can take years. She agrees that childhood depression is far more common than most adults realise.

One of the reasons it is often not picked up, she believes, is because the depressed child is withdrawn, and therefore often not noticed. "It's often not until there are learning difficulties or actual school refusal that such children are referred to us.

"With young children, we work closely with the whole family, trying to understand the roots of the depression. We also listen carefully to the children and observe how they play with toys. We often find that severely depressed children simply can't play. They are too miserable even to pick up a toy.

"We have found that paying loving attention to the child can work wonders." Ms Kendrick emphasises, though, that there is no instant, magic cure for childhood depression. "You have to remember that usually, the child has been depressed for a very long time before anybody has realised that there is something wrong.

"I believe that all humans are meant to be happy, positive and full of energy. Children are not naturally sad, withdrawn and unsociable — and if they are, help should be sought without delay."

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MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Ironing out the wrinkles

Age of man: but women do not want the Auden look

EVEN if men would prefer not to confront old age with the rugged skin of a W.H. Auden or Malcolm Muggeridge, they are usually prepared to tolerate it, whereas most women watch wrinkles develop with horror and resent every fresh blemish, crow's foot, frown or laugh line.

It is, therefore, not surprising that last week's account in the *Sunday Times Magazine* of the use of Retin-A to ameliorate some of the signs of sun-induced skin-ageing (photoageing) has prompted many female patients to share their worries with their doctors.

The description in *Mims*, the guide to current pharmaceutical preparations, of the vitamin A derivative Retin-A makes it sound less than alluring; it lists it as a treatment for "acne vulgaris in which comedones, papules and pustules predominate". The preparation is licensed only for treating pitting and cystic acne.

For a decade doctors have prescribed Retin-A for acne, and many have reported that as well as ridding patients of their spots, the cream or gel reverses, for so long as it is applied, some of the signs of photoageing.

The approved indications for Retin-A are unlikely to be extended, for even when used as a cream retinoids can cause irritation and inflammation. Strong sunlight has to be avoided, and their effect on sensitive or eczematous skin can be devastating. But added to these proven side effects are fears about its use in pregnancy; *Mims* recommends special precautions.

Another vitamin A derivative, Roaccutane, an oral preparation, is even more efficient at treating acne than Retin-A, but is known to damage the unborn baby, and in the non-pregnant has occasionally caused such diverse side effects as fits, baldness or liver damage.

Although many dermatologists look askance at the idea of using a powerful drug for cosmetic purposes, few are likely to object to the other piece of research on skin ageing published this week. Scientists at the Scottish Agricultural College near Ayr have announced that animal studies indicate a diet rich in some common herbs, including thyme, may slow skin ageing.

Mercury returns

AFTER the copper bangle to alleviate arthritic symptoms, we now have the mercury wristband to prevent tennis elbow. A Canadian firm claims to have sold, worldwide, more than 100,000 wrist-straps containing a bulb of mercury which, they say, lessens the impact on the elbow joint when the ball is hit. The golfer Nick Faldo wears a Sport Light "watch" with a mercury bulb to relieve pressure on his wrists. Mercury is so dreaded by environmentalists that its level in water is taken as a measure of the prevailing pollution; it is picked up by fish and shellfish, and readily absorbed into their flesh.

Scientists suggest that another, unnecessary source of mercury pollution, discarded wristbands, could now be added to the problems already occasioned by the discharge of mercury-loaded industrial waste.

Danger: fish absorb mercury

Mercury was introduced by Arab physicians to European medicine and has been a wonder-drug for more than a thousand years. Although in the National Formulary there is now only one mention (and that is roundly condemned) of its use in medicine, as an eye ointment for conjunctivitis, the early Victorian equivalent of the formulary, *Pereirea's Materia Medica*, devotes 84 pages to the uses of mercury — as an ointment, purgative, teething powder, and in the treatment of syphilis.

In small doses mercury causes loss of appetite, sleeplessness, circulatory and skin changes, and is notorious for producing personality changes — so much so that the term "mad as a hatter" originated from the mercury poisoning experienced by hat-makers who used it in the production of felt. In larger doses mercury causes acute gastroenteritis and collapse.

Women's breast choice

DOCTORS who believed that given the choice, women would prefer conservative treatment for breast cancer — a lumpectomy rather than a mastectomy — were surprised in 1988 when Mr Ron Wilson, a Newcastle surgeon, reported in the *BMJ* that twice as many women would rather have the breast off than merely have the tumour excised.

Pulse magazine reports that Newcastle surgeons have now studied the reactions of another 220 women with cancer of the breast. Despite detailed explanation and counselling, more than half the women still opted for major surgery, and the surgeons have also noted that those who had the breast off later suffered less anxiety and depression than those who had a lumpectomy.

The view expressed by the women seems to have been that they felt that so long as the breast remained there was a greater chance of a recurrence, and that this was an added anxiety which they would find intolerable.

Mr Wilson's results suggest that the overriding desire to get rid of the cancer, even at the expense of the breast, is greater than any fear of loss of femininity.

As confidence in the treatment of early tumours by local resection plus examination of the auxiliary lymph glands, followed by radiotherapy and tamoxifen, increases in the community, it may be that opinions will change; but at present it would seem reasonable to acquiesce in the patient's demands, however irrational they might seem to the doctor.

The sweeteners used in low-calorie food and drinks could pile on the agony for slimmers

Are 'diet' foods good for those on diets?

With nearly half of men and more than a third of women officially overweight according to government surveys, so-called "diet" foods and drinks have taken the market by storm.

An extensive range of soft drinks, table-top sweeteners and desserts now comes sweetened not with sugar but with intense sweeteners such as aspartame (NutraSweet), saccharin and acesulfame-K. These sweeteners provide the taste of sugar, or an approximation of it, but almost none of the calories, thus offering the promise of sweetened foods and drinks without adding inches to your waistline.

Yet ironically, a desire for sweet-tasting foods could encourage slimmers to eat more, since the effect of a sweet taste on the human palate, whether in the form of sugar or artificial sweeteners, has been shown to provide a short-term stimulus to the appetite.

In carefully designed studies Drs Peter Rogers and John Blundell at Leeds university compared feelings of hunger and food intakes after volunteers ate samples of yoghurt, either unsweetened, sweetened with saccharin or sugar, or bulked with starch.

Raising the level of sweetness, whether with sugar or with saccharin, increased appetite. However, saccharin had a particularly pronounced effect. Not only did the saccharin group make up for the calories they would have consumed if the yoghurt had contained added sugar or starch, but they also ate significantly more calories as well — on average, a further 200 calories that day. Other studies have demonstrated an increased motivation to eat following the taste of the intense sweeteners.

Why should our appetite respond so strongly to sweetness? The mechanisms that control hunger and appetite are complex, but Dr Rogers, a research psychologist, explains that the look, smell and taste of food will trigger gastric juices ready for digestion.

> *Artificial sweeteners have been shown to provide a short-term stimulus to the appetite*

A sweet taste seems also to stimulate insulin production, in anticipation of the raised blood glucose levels that would normally follow digestion and absorption of sugar. Without the glucose and calories from sugar digestion, as with foods and drinks sweetened with artificial sweeteners, the body can still be left feeling hungry.

Once swallowed, the effects of intense sweeteners on appetite are less clear. Saccharin, Dr Rogers says, appears to continue to stimulate appetite during its passage through the body, although the mechanisms are not fully understood. Aspartame does not share this physiological effect, and intakes of aspartame by capsule, without taste, were not found, in the Leeds study, to increase hunger, food intake or body weight.

The difficult question to answer is what effect the use of artificial sweeteners has on weight control in the long term. Data on the long-term effects of artificial sweetener consumption on weight control are sparse, according to an American researcher, Dr Barbara Rolls, who reviewed what scientific literature there is in the American *Journal of Clinical Nutrition* in April this year.

"Intense sweeteners can only be expected to help with weight loss through significant dietary changes to restrict food intake. The substitution of only a few foods may not result in a reduction in daily energy intake," Dr Rolls concluded.

So it appears that just choosing the "diet" version of your favourite drink, or sprinkling low-calorie sweeteners on your cereals, may not make it any easier to lose weight.

The manufacturer of NutraSweet, the trade name of aspartame, agrees that slimmers need to make more substantial changes if they are to achieve lasting weight loss. "There is an element of correctness in that statement," says NutraSweet's Nicola Hyde. But she adds: "Aspartame has never been found to cause weight gain."

So do claims of "diet" on the label mislead? Any "diet" product in the UK must carry the proviso that it should be used as part of a calorie-controlled diet. But researchers such as Professor David Booth of Birmingham university argue that brand names, health-orientated tags and advertising slogans such as "diet" or "light" do imply special properties, and many people are likely to believe that such products have advantages for weight reduction.

If slimmers think that "diet" food and drinks will automatically help them to control their calorie intakes, then they are more likely to relax controls and eat more, Ms Rolls argues.

"Artificial sweeteners can be useful, but only if you use them wisely." Dr Rogers concludes. "Don't assume diet foods will do the work for you."

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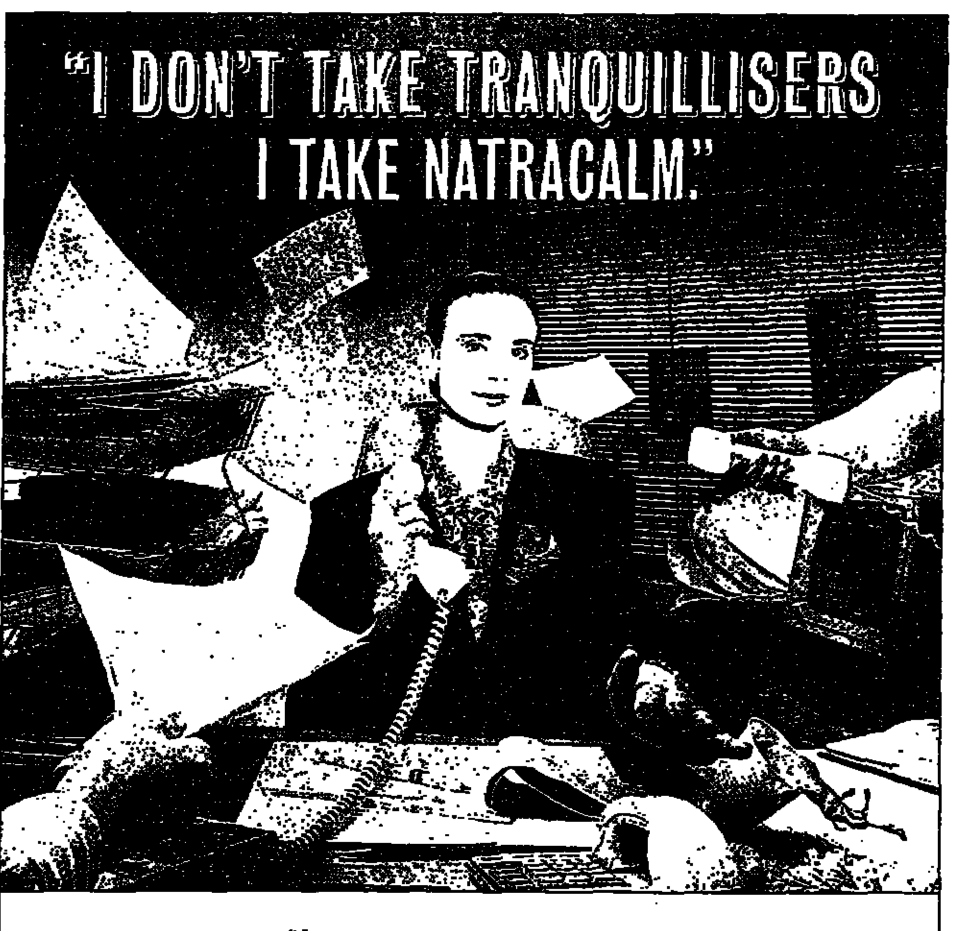

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English Grains

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Philip Howard reads the eternal triangle in grey modern dress

TALKING IT OVER
By Julian Barnes
Cape, £13.99

SALLY SOAMES

Julian Barnes, Plantagenet face, with one of the cleverest, wittiest hands at fiction in the business

This is a triangular tangle, like that curious cult Truffaut film where they all go bicycling together against a muzzy background (pretty muzzy foreground, for that matter). *Jules et Jim*, that's it. There are references implicit and explicit to the film, subtle mind you, and as in the film, the girl, Jeanne Moreau in the film, Gillian in the book, is intensely irritating. I can't be doing with that portentous mix of gaiety and gloom.

Look, I can see that this Ancient Mariner buttonholing of the reader is an odd way to begin a review. But the trick is catching. Julian Barnes's *Metroland* was a charming and very funny story of two public school boys, bosom chums, the brilliant dodgy one and the plodding safe one, growing up and falling in love, hardly noticing that the *évènements* of 1968 were going on in Paris outside their self-absorbed cocoon. Well, this is a kind of reversal of that plot. This time the brilliant dodgy one gets the girl, and the plodding, safe one gets left out in the cold and the *agenbite* and the worm-eating miseries of unrequited love.

Time has moved on. These are young adults just starting their first jobs in London in the Eighties, though that does not stop them dropping names and innuendoes *passim* about their schooldays and childhoods. Here is Stuart, mousy, spectacled, steatopygous Stuart the banker, oh yes, as grey a man as you could find in John Major's cabinet, who blubs over oozingly sentimental blues by Patsy Cline. Ollie is the brilliant, unsuccessful, dark one in the linen suit, high camp, chain-smoking Gauloises, chattering and dropping his cultural credentials, from which you are not necessarily to truffle out the routine whine of the orchidectomised male. Then there is Gillian, calm Gill, who restores paintings as a trade, having failed as a social worker, and who is vulnerable under the enamel because daddy decamped with a schoolgirl when she (Gillian, not the Lolita) was 13.

Well, they all compete for our attention, addressing us in short chapters, contradicting each other, putting their points of view, shouting and tugging at our sympathy like naughty children, gagging and threatening to strangle each other when they don't like what the others are saying. Just occasionally other voices chip in. As you would expect with Barnes, who is a great reader-teaser (remember how the protagonist of *Flaubert's Parrot* comes creeping up on your blind side, unobserved), these bit-players and spear-carriers can pack a mighty wallop, as when Gillian's peccant and errant daddy makes a sudden, *brevissimo* irruption, or when Stu's not quite ex girlfriend starts to spill her coarse version of the beans about our heroes.

Well Stuart and Gillian, rather sheepishly, meet at a dating evening for young professionals at the Charing Cross Hotel, Gawd help us, and bang, over the first glass of medium sherry, Stuart has fallen. From being the star of the duo, Oliver is suddenly reduced to cheer-leader and number three. And apart from that, his job at the Shakespeare English language teaching centre is not going well, not that it was anything to write to Noam Chomsky about in the first place. Well, at their wedding — aposiopesis, I don't think I had better tell any more of the plot.

It is a rather open-ended, do-it-yourself story anyway, depending on whom and what you choose to believe in all this competing hubbub. As the Russian proverb goes: he lies like an eye-witness. Whom can you believe? It is a distinctly bleaker story than *Metroland*, involving betrayal, and obsession, and jealousy, and all the other quagmires of the poor old bleeding heart. Not once, but thrice, from separate performers we have the old *Rear Window* plot, of unseen person watching and waiting hungrily from the outside, unobserved, and unguessed at by at least some of the performers. I dare say we have all spied wistfully on the unattainable loved one, but this is absurd.

It is, of course, quick-silver clever and allusive, funny about things that nobody else bothers to write about, such as the snobberies of food and gents' lavatory etiquette at the urinal. Its cultural credentials are brilliant. It is funny, but also very sad. The message, in an analogy that recurs, that money is a better bet than that tricky old currency love, cannot be right. But then, that is only one of the possible readings.

How to stop elves

FANTASY

Philippa Toomey

DRAGON WING
By Margaret Weis
Bantam, £4.99

IF, AS an orphan, you are brought up by a band of monks known as the Brothers of Death, devoted to the burying of dead plague victims, it is not surprising if you become Hugh the Hand of Death, the best assassin in the galaxy. Confronted with the assassination of a beautiful ten-year-old boy, the heir to the throne, Hugh procrastinates, and this is his mistake. The boy is not only a changeling, but the cleverest and most ruthless kid in the several worlds in which this amusing story takes place.

There is Drevlin, home of the Gegs, or dwarfs, who operate a mechanical system called the Kicksey-winsy, the purpose of which is to keep people employed — the ultimate in make-work practices. It is only when an intelligent Geg called Limbeck asks "Why?" that the whole political system, derived from a faintly remembered industrial process, begins to unravel. The head of state is the Forman, Gegs work in scrifts, and they pay tribute in water, a rare and valuable commodity, to the Elves.

Elves, human beings, Gegs, Sartans (very superior beings indeed) Haplo and Patryn (who has the runes tatooed on his hands covered in bandages) and his telepathic dog, Hugh, Prince Bane and his tutor Alfred, wizards, mysteriarchs, whirl and rush on dragons and in space ships through this well told tale, the first of a trilogy, which also has useful appendices on Sartan magic and the use of runes, and the song (words and music) which will stop elves dead in their tracks.

Morse code murder

CRIME

Marcel Berlins

THE JEWEL THAT WAS OURS
By Colin Dexter
Macmillan, £14.99

INSPECTOR Morse, far tetchier than on TV, crossly inquires into the combined theft of an historic artefact and the demise (in the Randolph Hotel, no less) of its owner, one of a party of 27 eager American tourists. The deceased was about to donate the object to the Ashmolean; but the grateful museum's rep goes missing between Paddington station and Oxford. The surviving 26 Yanks behave very rumly, as do the various English characters at the receiving end of their visit. A constantly elegant delight, with a thoroughly traditional resolution depending on time-tables and alibis. Now the gripe. I did not enjoy having to read an entire important chapter in handwriting, and not easy-to-read writing at that. The device of inserting occasional bits of writing or drawing to make a point relevant to the mystery is acceptable. Here, the relevance was out-weighed by irritation and eye strain.

■ **One/One**, by Keith Wright (*Constable, £12.99*). Real life Nottingham copper, first timer, writes about fictional Nottingham coppery with, as can be expected, authenticity. A family is gruesomely wiped out in its own home, promiscuous daughter Faye probably the main target. Her sordid life engenders multiple motives and suspects. The constabulary, Inspector Stark in charge, plod on, with occasional not-for-queasies descriptions. Some awkwardness of dialogue does not spoil a most promising debut.

■ **Foul Play**, by June Thomson (*Constable, £12.99*). The plot is determinedly old-fashioned. An obscure play is revived for a single performance in an atmospheric East Anglian country house. The third scene starts with one of the characters apparently lifeless across his desk. Yes, you have it. Chap playing the part really has been dispatched, surrounded by an array of the reliable whodunit motives: sex, greed, jealousy, inheritance, and revenge. Chief Inspector Finch slips easily into the format. It is tempting to describe *Foul Play* as a jolly good read which could have been written in the Thirties, but that would be unfair. Thomson is a far more skilful craftswoman, and a far better and more sensitive writer than anyone was then.

■ **Right Connections**, by Sean Hardie (*Michael Joseph, £14.99*). Star telly reporter Harry Kapowski, corrector of miscarriages of justice, looks back at eight-year-old incineration of homosexual charity head, for which a Cypriot is still serving a life sentence. His danger-provoking delving discloses a link with a glamorous Labour politician (an old love rival) who, with a general election in two weeks' time, could soon be in the cabinet. Harry's digging for justice coincides with the frenzied political campaign and devious doings in his own department. Speedy, fizzy, media-wise, and confident; Kapowski is a credibly cynical softy hack.

■ **Hung Parliament**, by Julian Critchley (*Hutchinson, £13.99*). Deliciously waspish parliamentary whodunit, by one of Westminster's cleverest writers, making (surprisingly) his fictional debut. Emma Kerr, the sexiest Tory MP, is found hanging in a Commons lift. Past lovers and political intriguers make up the suspect list. Backbencher Joshua Morris, asked by the Leader of the House quietly to rummage around, uncovers wonderfully bitchy MP secrets. Critchley is splendidly mischievous. His liberal use of real parliamentarians as characters (Edwina Currie, John MacGregor)), and his barely masked caricatures of some of his other colleagues are wickedly entertaining; but behind the fun is a rather good detective story.

■ **Angels in Arms**, by Mike Ripley (*Collins, £12.99*). Fitzroy Maclean Angel, jazz-playing reprobate, is summoned to Guernsey to help best mate Werewolf, who has been captured by Breton separatists, and will die unless he can find a consignment of illegal pills hidden in the sound system of a touring second-rate pop group, whose equipment truck he has crashed. Ripley produces funny lines as often as most people breathe, and it's a wonder he manages to squeeze a plot in between the cracks. He does, though, but the comic caravanserai and its outrageous occupants move too quickly and enjoyably for it to matter much.

Women of two worlds

Sabine Durrant

THE KITCHEN GOD'S WIFE

By Amy Tan
HarperCollins, £14.99
LIP SERVICE
By Russell Lucas
Heinemann, £13.99
SUN TRAP
By Lyn Callaghan
The Book Guild, £11.50

AMY Tan's is a book of secrets. There's the illness the daughter hasn't the courage to explain to her mother; there's the faulty memory that underlies the friendship between old companions; and there's the mystery of the daughter's birth. Add to that, too, the myriad of small misunderstandings and misplaced words that throng beneath the surface of any close group, and you might think you'd be better off in another continent. But these gaps of communication in The Kitchen God's Wife, based though it is on a deafening clash of cultures, are embarrassing but oddly moving.

The story centres on two women: Winnie, the mother, awkwardly co-opting her Chinese upbringing into a Californian lifestyle; and Pearl, the daughter, who's long since abandoned Chinese charms and dim sum in favour of ballgames, Big Macs, and an American husband. Their separateness is marked by the structure of the novel — the first section narrated by the daughter; the middle bulk by the mother — and conveyed from the first by a series of irritated exchanges. Tan has a neat way with nuance: the gap between what is said and what is thought would span the Pacific, and you can feel every throb of frustration in a line like "Whenever my mother talks to me, she begins the conversation as if we were already in the middle of an argument." But then things change. Aunt Helen (or "Hulan"), intimating mortality, decides she wants the past to be sorted, the present to be revealed, and threatens to tell all — unless they do first.

It's a convenient device, but a neat one. It allows Winnie to delve into her early years, and you wouldn't miss that for all the tea in China. It's a fascinating tale packed with tragedy, with "taonan" (misfortune) and personal struggle. She recounts her childhood, dragged up as a poor relation by aunts after her mother deserted her father; and of her terrible marriage with the bullying coward Wen Fu; of life in an American-style air force school; of narrow escapes during Japanese invasion, of imprisonment, of two dead children, of miscarriage and betrayal, of bonds of friendship, of the taunting of the gods.

If the facts sound melodramatic, her delivery adds credence. There's an odd formality, a slight stiltedness to the prose which keeps you in mind always of the self-contained old Chinese woman of the opening pages. But your understanding of her deepens at the same time, so that by the end of her discourse, you sense, along with her daughter, the history behind her attachment to the spirits (the Kitchen God, for one), and the strength of her loyalty to old friends. Her calamitous life lends perspective, too, to the social awkwardnesses that began this gripping, enchanting novel.

If *The Kitchen God's Wife* is sketched with pain, Russell Lucas's Lip Service is dedicated to pleasure. So much so that when we are given a list of one of the character's favourite things, it runs to over a page ("... fur capes; bamboo screens, sponges, neon lights; love bites, the smell of tar, playing bezique, freshly laundered sheets, the Latin mass, coupling before a mirror ..."). Here everyone's senses are alert — food is described in the tiniest of detail, and spirituality is just a hop into bed away from sexuality (a Hindu mystic measures his distance from divinity by ease of sexual arousal). It's a riot of a novel, both a fantastic retelling of the Oedipus myth, with the characters in Technicolor, and a sort of sexual Aesop's fables, charging from one sensualist to another with the speed and apparent hazard of a chain letter. After a while, though, the constant variety of sexual proclivity begins to tire; stamina, clearly, is of the essence.

The hero of Lyn Callaghan's The Sun Trap, a plastics salesman, flies to Portugal to escape his mundane existence. Perhaps he should have taken advice from Russell Lucas first. His dream — of a sun-soaked patio and sun-streaked companion — turns into purgatory. Soon he's left his fancy hotel, and checked into jail with a black eye and a bad attitude.

It's a fast moving tale (no sooner is Jack out of prison than he's robbing a bank), full of terrible jokes, and so devoid of characterisation that Samantha, the love interest, is silent enough to seem positively suspicious (could she perhaps be in the pay of the evil drug-smuggling Pereiro?). But all ends happily. Jack manages to sell the story of his exploits to the press: "It would have to be a substantial amount and the right paper — he didn't want his story twisted and over-sensationalised." He chooses the *Mail*, which might seem surprising, but is probably a good thing under the circumstances. Lyn Callaghan, novelist and sports journalist, works there.

Modern verse: mushroom principle

Robert Nye

SELECTED POEMS
By Kenneth Koch
Carcanet, £18.95
SONGS OF THE ADEPT
By Kevin Stratford
Carcanet, £6.95

KENNETH Koch is a poetic comedian whose favourite joke is the reader. One of the founder members of that New York School which carries obscurity further than it will go, you can imagine him peeping round the long dark paragraphs of his early verse to leer at us with sympathetic surprise, *What, you still here?* The tone and temper of most of this apprentice nonsense can be exemplified by the first line of "Aus einer Kindheit": *Is the basketball coach a homosexual lemon manufacturer? It is suspected by O'Ryan in his submarine.* The rest of the thing fails to convey the significance of O'Ryan or to make anyone care how or why homosexual lemons are manufactured.

And yet, and yet ... at least this joker has the strength of his own lack of conviction, and something in the way of a patience with words, and a gift for extended fantasy. Later work in his *Selected Poems* leads us up pun and down paradox, still bruising our brains in the struggle to keep abreast of him, but adds a welcome note of self-accusation, as in the tenderness of "To Marina" beginning, *So many convolutions and not enough simplicity!* The best of Koch has this surprising touch of regret. Then he sets off again, scattering images like handfuls of fireworks, ordering language about as if to demonstrate his own fictitiousness, singing of nothing much at the top of his voice, and of course we follow lamely along behind.

Well, maybe not all of us. There are those who find Koch merely irritating, an Ashbery without even a smart hair-shirt of wit. I suspect these are the readers this oddball likes most. His talent is peculiarly shy, almost serious. Then he comes up with an article of homespun advice-from-the-heart entitled "The Art of Love":

To win the love of women
one should first discover
What sort of thing is likely
to move them, what feelings
They are most delighted
with their lives to have; then
One should find these things
and cause these feelings ...

I don't believe that it's poetry either, but it's a marked improvement on the stuff he seems to make according to a principle once used by my uncle for the growing of mushrooms: plenty of shit and keep 'em in the dark.

Kevin Stratford was a gifted English poet who died young in 1984. An admirer of Ashbery and Koch, he was unfortunately influenced by both, with a result that all through his *Songs of the Adept* he can be perceived to be finding it uncommonly hard to say anything straight or plain. Still, his lines have a musicality of their own, and the more memorable of them give off a brilliant sense of articulate hesitation, as of a man wanting desperately to tell you something not told before. Stratford's widow has assembled this selection of the best of his poems from magazines and manuscripts.

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CINEMA: NEW RELEASES

Bosom buddies take to the road

Geoff Brown on *Thelma & Louise, Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer, Hudson Hawk, Andrei Rublev, Kill Me Again* and *Noce Blanche*

A female "road movie", **Thelma & Louise** (15, West End and on release), has become the latest Hollywood product to exercise pop culture preachers and pundits. *Time* magazine spent six pages gathering opinions from psychologists, philosophy professors, card-carrying feminists and film critics of every hue. It dominates conversation at dinner parties; husbands forbid wives from seeing it, lest they emulate Geena Davis (Thelma) and Susan Sarandon (Louise) and liberate themselves.

Though *Thelma & Louise*, directed by Ridley Scott, is a notable film, the furore seems excessive. Like many another fledgling scriptwriter, Callie Khouri (a music video producer) simply spruces up a well-worn genre, placing repressed females where you expect macho males: at the wheel of a green 1966 Ford Thunderbird, snaking across the American desert with police in pursuit. The ladies, bosom buddies from Arkansas, planned their trip as a weekend flight from drudgery; but once Louise shoots a drunk attempting to rape Thelma in a car park, they shake off the shackles of male dependence and race away on an odyssey of self-discovery. You may take feminist comfort in this; though the film hijacks a masculine genre only to slip in the old masculine pleasures (violence, revenge) under new management.

Yet, for all the stale ingredients, *Thelma & Louise* roars with life. The stars count for plenty. As the weary coffee shop waitress Louise, Sarandon proves unquestionably there is life in Hollywood for actresses past 40; while the engaging Davis romps through her role as the housewife evolving to a gleeful adept at robberies.

With no scope for alien monsters or other studio trickery, Scott relies on human relationships to drive the film forward. Not that he cloaks the visual eye that shot over 2,000 commercials. The American South-West becomes a quasi-surreal landscape of crags, telephone poles, industrial scrubland and tarmac strips leading from nowhere to nowhere. In Scott's eager hands, the elongated Panavision frame transforms every car and monster truck into a *phallic symbol-in-waiting*.

Towards the end, the visual spell begins to fail and the film slowly declines into the stunt-chase mode of *Smokey and the Bandit*. But *Thelma & Louise* can take a few flaws in its stride: for the most part, Scott and his team whisk away audiences on a lively journey with two real characters for company.

Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer (18, Metro, Gate and Cannon Panton Street) is a character piece of a different breed. Henry — based loosely on a real-life convicted murderer, Henry Lee Lucas — roams Chicago killing people (mostly women) as casually as other people yawn. John McNaughton's extraordinary film, made in 1986, mirrors the psychopath's matter-of-fact style, notching up the body count with grainy images, unfamiliar actors, and an unadorned style that suggests not so much a slasher movie as a fly-on-the-wall documentary about hell.

Though uncomfortably horrific, the absence of cheap thrills or big-budget glitter makes the film easily superior to *The Silence of the Lambs*. There is no pretence that you can dress up murder as entertainment: McNaughton confronts us instead with evil's hideous banality. A murderer such as Henry — a beer and television kind of guy, quietly spoken, even courteous — gets under the skin far more readily than a fancy bogeyman like Hannibal Lecter.

> *'With no scope for alien monsters or other studio trickery, human relationships drive the film forward'*

Excepting the cinema's exit doors, there is no way to escape the depravities of Henry and his sidekick, Otis. There is no catharsis; the police are not mentioned, let alone seen. America's psychopathic sickness, the film suggests, rages unchecked. In the most gruelling sequence, McNaughton transforms this sense of imprisonment into a visual device, filming a chain of atrocities through the off-centre angle of a video camera thrown to the floor during the turmoil. In his first feature, McNaughton demonstrates awesome control over his material and paltry budget, though a team of wild horses personally led by Attila the Hun would not persuade me to see the film again.

The rest of the week offers a wide range of fare, from the sublime to the stupid. **Hudson Hawk** (15, West End and on release) is a horrible, profligate misfire: an action-filled romp with as many laughs as an undertaker's VAT return, and a showcase for Bruce Willis's tiresome smart-aleck smirk.

The *Die Hard* luminary stars as a cat burglar, forced to steal three Da Vinci artefacts for use by a madman bent, as they all are, on conquering the world (and hideously overplayed by Richard E. Grant). When we last trudged down these spoof thriller paths in the Bond-crazed Sixties, the films were at least amusing and knew their place: but the jokes in *Hudson Hawk* are shallow jibes, buried in an avalanche of boring stunts and explosions. Director Michael Lehmann may have scored a minor hit with his teen comedy *Heathers*; but he is out of his depth in this big-budget mess.

Andrei Rublev (12, Renoir), by contrast, needs an audience that thinks and can sit still and uncomplaining for three hours. Andrei Tarkovsky's towering film was completed in 1966, and was last released here seven years ago; the present revival, in a print three minutes longer than its predecessor, coincides with an ICA retrospective and the publication of Tarkovsky's diaries, *Time Within Time*.

As an imaginative recreation of medieval life, the film can hardly be bettered. Andrei Rublev, a 15th century icon painter, moves through a chaotic landscape of raging fire, gentle rain, ambush, toil and roving Tartars. But by forcing his hero to choose between hermit and activist, Tarkovsky raises questions about the artist in all societies, facing persecution. This is one of world cinema's most enthralling films.

Kill Me Again, (18, West End and on release), yanked from release at the last minute in 1990, is a merry pot-pourri of *film noir* motifs concocted by two bright sparks, John Dahl and David Warfield. Joanne Whalley-Kilmer plays the *femme fatale* — a wily sexpot who asks a seedy Reno investigator to fake her own death to escape the clutches of a violent boyfriend. The deed done, the private eye (Val Kilmer) is sucked ever tighter into a web of deceit that would not disgrace the old hardboiled masters.

Director John Dahl pays visual homage to the genre with deft use of angled shots and tawdry locations. The violence also runs true to form: aside from the usual gunshots, the PI is subjected to cigarette burns and the breaking of fingers.

Noce Blanche (15, Cannons Piccadilly and Chelsea) spins a curious, drab tale about a philosophy teacher's affair with his most delinquent pupil. The film showcases Vanessa Paradis, a teenaged French pop star with the biggest pout since Bardot; certain shots of her physical charms seem included simply to please the girlie magazine crowd. Yet writer-director Jean-Claude Brisseau is nothing but high-minded: you can tell by the acres of arid dialogue. We expect big words from the philosophy teacher, but even Paradis burbles about "playthings of destiny". Outside her British admirers, *Noce Blanche*, one suspects, will be nobody's plaything.

Making a connection: Geena Davis is Thelma, on the run with Susan Sarandon in Ridley Scott's *Thelma & Louise*

TELEVISION REVIEW

Shutterly convincing

Soft furnishings might, at first glance, seem a rather unpromising subject for a hard-hitting screenplay. In last night's **Broke** (BBC 2) by Stephen Bill, however, an argument over a few blinds and curtains reached the same kind of dramatic proportions as in Vincente Minnelli's notorious 1955 film *The Cobweb*: a curiously obsessional movie about the problems of selecting curtains for a madhouse, that was afterwards nicknamed "The Drapes of Wrath".

Last night's nightmarish comedy must have called the bluff of any viewer of *The Cook Report* who cynically sides with the con-man, on the grounds that mugs get what they deserve. Timothy Spall played Francis Meeks, a purveyor of blinds, canopies and curtains in a Midlands market town, whose big-time buddy Kenneth Bannister (Larry Lamb) does him the honour of commissioning a large number of window-hangings for a new, ritzy country club. The work is done, an invoice for £18,000 is presented, but Ken neglects to settle the bill.

Meeks is reluctant to hassle his friend, but his credit with the bank has run out, and his suppliers are growing restive. Ken neatly sidesteps the debt by declaring a routine tactical bankruptcy, and continues unaffected with his big deals and sky-high living standards. Meeks goes out of business, starts shouting at his kids, swills down an entire prescription of tranquillisers, and ultimately loses his home. Far from despising him as a gullible creep, however, one felt a fascinated horror at the sight of this balloon-shaped man bumping helplessly against the ceiling of his overdraft. If there had been a telethon facility linked to the programme, viewers would have pledged the necessary £18,000 in no time.

"Let's not fall out over money," said the astonished Ken, when Meeks's plucky wife Elaine (Sheila Kelley) finally took justice into her own hands, and pointed a shotgun at his head. What made Ken such a plausible monster was that he genuinely believed he was a loyal friend; he suffered from a well-tuned selective deafness. When Elaine demanded money (that is, the £18,000), he made a grand gesture of offering the contents of his wallet. "Take it. All of it." As Tennessee Williams once pointed out, the rich have a touching faith in the efficacy of small sums.

Broke was a clever, multi-layered play about debt, betrayal and the failure of small businesses: a fairly heady combination in these days when one man's livelihood is another man's utter irrelevance. So cleverly were the Meekses manipulated, they believed they were making their own choices. Though unfairly lumbered with the name of Meeks (and with their surely symbolic profession: the *blind* business), Timothy Spall and Sheila Kelley gave fresh, anguished performances as ordinary people obstinately refusing to succumb to bad feelings until the cause was absolutely overwhelming.

LYNNE TRUSS

RECORDS: JAZZ

Fame at last

Georgie Fame: Cool Cat Blues
(Go Jazz/VeraBra VBR2043CD)
Liane Carroll: That's Life
(Jazz Art JARTCD1)
Charlie Parker:
The Cole Porter Songbook
(Verve 823250)

THE suspicion takes root after the first hearing. By the fourth or fifth, it has developed into a certainty: *Cool Cat Blues* is the outstanding release by a British artist this year. An example of consummate professional skill — the kind of scrupulous attention to detail which comes after many years of unglamorous toil — the album amounts to a retrospective of Georgie Fame's career.

An amalgam of cool jazz, R 'n' B and pop, it is a delight from start to finish. The session becomes the pretext for a gathering of old friends: Jon Hendricks, Van Morrison and Boz Scaggs join in on duets, while Fame glides through elegant cover versions of songs by such formative influences as Mose Allison and Louis Jordan. The wry title piece, one of Fame's own compositions, belongs in that exalted company.

Surrounded by top New York session musicians (a phrase that usually makes the heart sink) he refuses to be intimidated, blending a jazzman's acute timing with the earthiness of an R 'n' B shouter. Remarkably, these performances are all first or second takes. Given enough airplay, they should put him back where he belongs, in the first division.

Georgie Fame: delightful

Liane Carroll, another singer-pianist, enjoys the honour of appearing on the first release from Jazz Art, a new label formed by Dave Lee, with assistance from the Arts Council. The disc's launch was preceded by a storm of publicity — in jazz terms, anyway — which hinted that we were about to hear a superstar in the making. Carroll should not be blamed if the actual product is something of an anti-climax. She has a fine voice and a catholic taste in songs, but she has yet to impose her personality on the material.

Verve's compilation of **Charlie Parker** recordings is one of the more curious contributions to the Cole Porter centenary celebrations. A collection of arrangements for orchestra and small group made between 1950 and 1954, it is a brave but uneven attempt to marry two fundamentally different artistic temperaments.

CLIVE DAVIS

Worlds apart

WHOSE world is bigger and better? Womad, Britain's most famous festival of world music (in Reading, Berkshire, from July 19 to 22) has competition: it clashes with a "Colour of Europe" music festival organised by the South Bank Centre in London from July 18 to 21. Womad certainly offers a more miscellaneous bunch, but the South Bank may draw the devotees by parading some of the new hybrid musics of Europe: Moroccans from Belgium, Kurds from London, Indonesians from Holland and an all-night Indian and Pakistani programme.

Last chance...

THE critics did not care for Ben Elton's *Silly Cow* when it opened in February, but that has not stopped it keeping the cash register of the Theatre Royal Haymarket (071-930 8800) ringing ever since. But will the play survive the impending departure of Dawn French, who plays the main character? She may be somewhat hard to replace. Pity Helen Atkinson-Wood, who does that on Monday.

Keep your feet off the screen, please

At a festival of dance on film and video, **Nadine Meisner** finds discontent about British television's treatment of dance

A disconcerting jumble of images flashed from the rows of video booths. Here was Nureyev's face in close-up, earnestly talking. There, a slender woman whizzing backwards, propelled by surreal filmic wizardry through grey Prague streets. And over there, a desperate duet, the camera's eye fingering sensually over knotted bodies.

This was "Dance Screen", an annual festival and competition held in Frankfurt under the auspices of IMZ (International Music Centre, Vienna) and the Frankfurt Alte Oper. For five days, film and video makers, distributors, television executives — even choreographers — gathered to buy and sell programmes, raise money, make contacts, spot talents and watch a huge range of new work. Meanwhile, an international jury sampled everything in the competition: they viewed a total of 177 entries in two days.

The overall winner was a Belgian entry, *Roseland*, choreographed by Wim Vandekeybus and directed by Walter Verdin: it was commended for transforming "the theatrical energy of the stage choreography into a dynamic screen experience, using a full range of cinematic techniques". Winners in five other categories included a British contender: Peter Mumford's film of Siobhan Davies's stage piece, *White Man Sleeps*, which was shown on Channel 4 last year.

Filmed dance is not just *Swan Lake* squashed onto a 24-inch screen. The *raison d'être* of "Dance Screen" is that dance on film or video can be a separate work of art in itself, exploiting all the medium's technological potential. The film-maker becomes a choreographer, the components of his film are composed like a dance; and his images can clarify several layers of meaning in a way not possible in the theatre.

According to Reiner Moritz, the London-based producer and distributor, there is a genre of film — short but highly adventurous — that attracts much enthusiasm among younger viewers at festivals and videotheques. "Usually it is multi-media, incorporating a theatrical element: one can't call it pure dance. The younger generation can relate to it better than to a classic piece."

How do such films sell? The answer is badly. Programmers play safe; they have to be pushed hard to accept any dance at all. When they do, it is usually *Nutcracker*, *Swan Lake* or anything with Nureyev. "It just shows how out of touch they are with the young," argues Moritz.

When Michael Kustow was a commissioning editor, Channel 4 was the place for new dance. Under Waldemar Januszak's aegis, dance has been all but axed. Dance-film producers were forced to turn to the BBC, where budgets are tighter. Bob Lockyer, a BBC producer of dance programmes, describes as "dire" the opportunities to broadcast dance in Britain. "The chance of obtaining airtime gets less and less, yet so much experimental work deserves screening. I would like to see programmes go more often into youth culture slots."

At least, says Moritz, the BBC provides slots for dance, "and it tries to fill them with a mix of what is new around the world and in Britain. The *Dance Makers* season put on Mats Ek's *Swan Lake* and Maguy Marin's *Groosland* at prime time."

But *Dance Makers* lasted only six weeks. "Just as it was picking up interest, it finished and won't be back for 12 or 18 months," admits Dennis Marks, BBC TV's assistant head of music and arts. Marks also referred to dance being "at the mercy of the channel controller who confines it to off-peak viewing times".

Television bosses play safe to get good ratings. But why are ratings low for dance? Why are people who are prepared to spend a fortune on ballet tickets not willing to switch on their sets? Lloyd Newson, choreographer of one of last year's winning entries, *Dead Dreams of Monochrome Men*, believes that dance on screen needs to find an equivalent for the literal quality of a live performance. Reiner Moritz blames the press. "We struggle to get a dance programme shown; and then the television critic reviews an old feature film because it feels safer, while the dance critic prefers cast changes at Covent Garden."

In some ways, dance-makers have seized the possibilities of the screen with alacrity. The first "Dance Screen" was held in Frankfurt in October last year; some IMZ members were worried that a second festival only eight months later would lead to a poorer selection. Yet this year there were 21 more entries than last. Now dance-film producers must get more of it into the living rooms.

Seen on Channel 4: a scene from Peter Mumford's film of Siobhan Davies's *White Man Sleeps*

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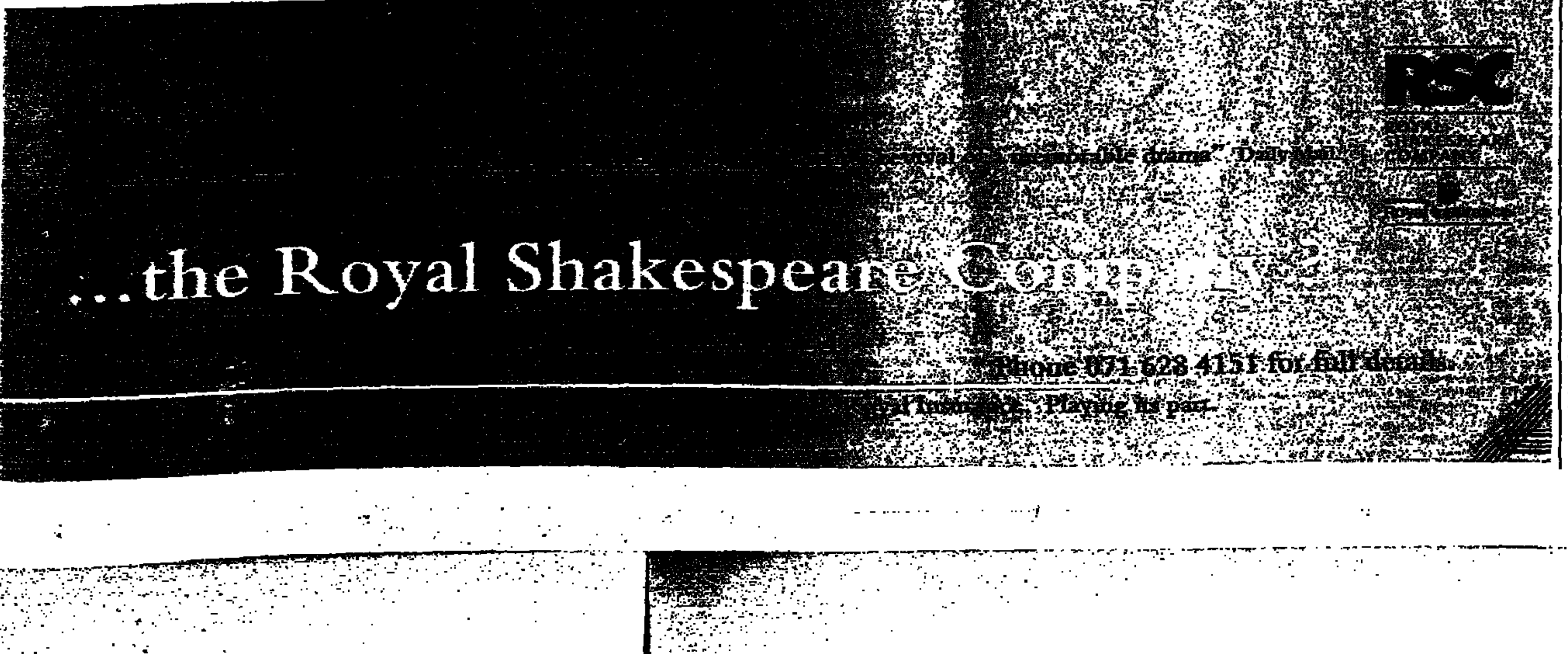

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No stopping the tours or the trade

South Africa could now be entering a brief golden age, says **R.W. Johnson**

The simultaneous announcements that the International Olympic Committee is readmitting South Africa as a member and that America is to lift sanctions have produced a predictable wave of jubilation here in South Africa. Typically enough in this sport-mad country, the ending of the sports boycott takes precedence over the economic fundamentals. The white press talks of "Olympic fever sweeping the country", while even the black consciousness *Sowetan* headlines the news with a euphoric "Get set, go!"

Flemings, the merchant banker, is setting up here again. And those companies which resisted pressures to disinvest are rubbing their hands at the head start they now have on those who showed more conscience.

Joy at the phasing out of sanctions and boycotts is, however, neither unrestrained or unanimous. In particular, the African National Congress has continued to fluff its chances of taking charge of the de-escalation process. Only last week its conference resolved that sanctions must be maintained, and although Nelson Mandela spoke of a need for future flexibility, the movement has not been psychologically prepared for such a rapid change.

A rarely seen genius: Graeme Pollock batting

In particular, the ANC will be incensed that the Bush administration has in effect sided with President F.W. de Klerk on the issue of political prisoners. De Klerk maintains that those in jail for violent crimes such as necklacing cannot simply be counted as political prisoners. Nonetheless, in the end De Klerk will probably have to release all or most of these as well.

A similar disarray exists on the sporting front, with the hard-line South African Council on Sport denouncing the IOC decision and even threatening to sue it, while Sam Ramsamy, head of the National Olympic Committee of South Africa (Nocsa) is so hedged in by pro-boycott pressures that he sounds almost unwilling to take advantage of the Olympic re-entry. South African participation in next month's World Athletics Championships in Tokyo would, he says, be "premature and provocative".

Mr Ramsamy has already ruled out South African participation in the Lausanne Winter Olympics as "obscene", because all its competitors would perforce be privileged whites. Indeed, he will not even confirm that Nocsa will accept the invitation to the Barcelona Olympics.

Few things better display the defensive refusenik mentality of South Africa's black opposition than that, after three decades of banishment from international sport, they should start refusing invitations to compete when that banishment is lifted. Finally, though, this is unlikely to happen. The pro-boycott forces can no longer muster the muscle to make much of a protest if South Africans do compete in Tokyo or Barcelona.

One oddity is that the uneven ending of isolation seems to derive from essentially personal factors. Thus the ANC sports supremo, Steve Tshwete, has from the first taken a strongly positive line about ending the boycott. This has meant he has been able to guide and lead South Africa's move back.

Yet logically the first of the boycotts to go should have been those affecting cultural and academic life, for the prevention of the free movement of ideas and people was always the hardest ban to justify. But the ANC's cultural supremo, Wally Serote, has taken an extremely hard line and seems to assume that it is natural for any government, including a future ANC government here, to control and shape a nation's cultural life. In a word, Mr Serote does not blench at the term "cultural commissar". As far as one can see, this striking difference in ANC attitudes towards the sporting and cultural boycotts simply reflects the fact that Mr Tshwete is more of a glasnost man than Mr Serote.

However, not too much attention need be paid to these fevered reservations, for the international tide has turned against the boycott and sanctions movement as a whole and the pro-boycott elements here are simply going to find themselves dragged along kicking and screaming. They are throwing away another political opportunity, but one is getting used to that as well.

What is opening up is perhaps a mini golden age, with the liberalisation of South African life internally and externally. Both the nation's economy and its complex society stand to prosper mightily — briefly at least. The worries all relate to the possibility that, a few years on the country might find itself with a government which would not only produce a dramatic collapse in sheer administrative competence, but would also be the sort in which spirits like Mr Serote would feel throroughly at home.

For the moment the country is enjoying the best of all worlds: the ending of international isolation on every front, a technically competent government in power, and a climate of progressive liberalisation in every sphere. Little wonder that the half-spoken thought in many minds is "long live the interregnum".

James LeFanu argues that increased profits lie behind doctors' acceptance of NHS reforms

Swallowing the pill

This week's *British Medical Journal* will carry an editorial implicitly admitting that the profession's protracted and vitriolic campaign against the NHS reforms has failed. Outright opposition, it will argue, is pointless and counter-productive: the way forward lies in the constructive attitude towards their implementation.

The contrast with the profession's response to the reforms when first announced two years ago could not be more marked. Then, the government strategy for implementing its plans was compared to a gang running amok through a crowded train, demanding money at knifepoint — achieving its aim through bewilderment and fear. The reforms themselves heralded "the end of the traditional health service, with its low administrative costs and decent principle of uniform access to a high standard of medical care". The profession was encouraged "not to counter this blitzkrieg with intellectual argument, but with a total refusal to implement the proposals". This, it was hoped, would have "the effect of negating much of the enterprise."

At the Department of Health, William Waldegrave will be forgiven a wry smile when he reads of the doctors' volte-face and, presumably not for the first time, the parallel with the BMA's hostility to the introduction of the NHS back in 1948 will flash through his mind. Then, too, so the story goes, the doctors cut up rough, fearful that revolutionary change would upset the long established privileges of their professional cartel, until bludgeoned and bribed by Aneurin Bevan into accepting the inevitable.

This, however, is a misinterpretation of events. From the beginning, most doctors favoured a national health service, but they had one important caveat. Bevan, as a good socialist, wanted to turn general practitioners into government-employed civil servants, receiving a fixed salary and told where they should work, and under what conditions. This bureaucratisation was anathema to the GPs, middle-class professionals who considered they should be allowed to organise themselves into legally binding partnerships, choose who they worked with and take responsibility for their own financial affairs. Immediately Bevan conceded this demand, the profession voted overwhelmingly to join the National Health Service.

This puts a different gloss on the role of the BMA, suggesting that, contrary to public conception, it is not so much an "NUM for doctors" as a shrewd and successful organisation. No doubt its decision to end hostilities will be seen as a political coup by the government, but any euphoria could well be short-lived. The BMA has good reasons for changing its tune, and it is as well to know what they might be.

In one sense it has no option. The reforms have now been endorsed by Parliament, so refusal to go along with them is strictly illegal. Then, in the three months since April, as the much-anticipated chaos has not materialised, many doctors, pragmatic as ever, have begun to realise they can turn aspects of the reforms to their own advantage. For example, in the pre-reform days, a GP faced with a patient with chest pains would do an electrocardiogram (ECG) to find out if he was suffering from heart disease. Now, in the commercially orientated NHS, this ECG has become a service that can be charged for. The doctor cannot directly bill his patient, but if he is a new budget-holder he can set up a management company which he then charges from his own budget for doing it. This way money flies out of his "budget" and into his pocket. The same principle can be extended to many routine measures, and as a result he is likely to be a lot richer. Not surprisingly many GPs are queuing up to become budget holders.

The second example concerns hospitals that have opted out to become NHS trusts. It is well known that the viability of several of these is uncertain. Indeed, this is why they sought a change in their status in the first place, hoping that by being in the first wave of the new reforms the Government could not allow them to go under. This is now a major headache for the health department, since the financial calculations on which trust status was permitted have turned out to be seriously awry.

The BMA's climbdown is not directly related to the discovery that the reforms can make many of its members a lot richer or keep others in employment in hospitals that really should be closed. But they have realised, quite bluntly, that they have the government over a barrel.

The last thing Mr Waldegrave can afford is for the Government reforms to fail, which means he must turn a blind eye to their more perverse consequences, while coughing up yet more billions to keep the enterprise afloat.

The author is a south London GP.

Fast food nourishes lawyers

Bernard Levin wonders why a hotel chain got so het up about an Indian restaurateur with a sense of humour

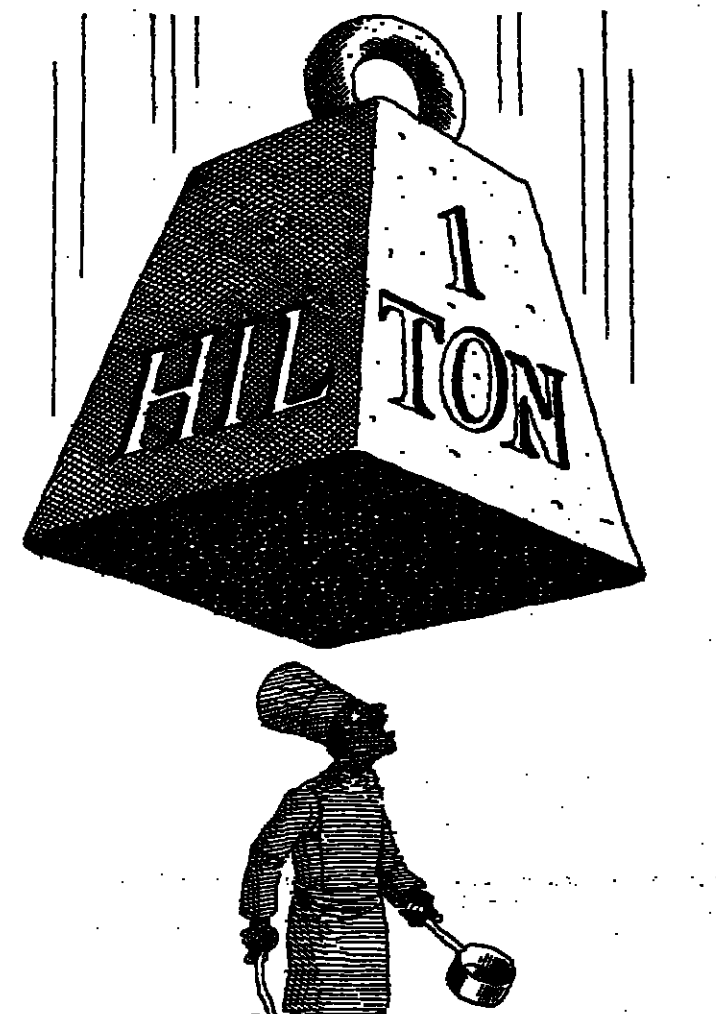
De minimis, it has been pointed out (not least by me) *non curat lex*. It is, of course, left to the judges to decide when they should do a bit of curing and when they should go in for a touch of minimising, though I bet they often think, stuck with a particularly daft law, that it would be fun to throw out the proceedings and go round the corner for a drink.

Such an opportunity was lost a few days ago by Mr Justice Mervyn Davies. He was hearing an application for an injunction, by Hilton Hotels, against an Indian restaurateur, Mr Tahir Ullah, who had opened a tandoori house in Newport, Gwent. A mile away from Mr Ullah's chicken tikka and bindi ghosht there is a Hilton Hotel, and Mr Ullah, who clearly has a sense of humour, called his nosherie the Hilton Tandoori. Whereupon Hilton Hotels demanded that he should cease to use the sacred name. Presumably, the reply was the Bengali for "Go and boil your head, or better still your cabbage"; anyway, Hilton went to law.

The first conclusion is that Mr Ullah's food is so superior to the Newport Hilton's that the latter feared the competition, but that was not what the case turned on. Hilton's claim was that Mr Ullah's use of the word Hilton "was a deliberate attempt to cause deception and confusion". (How do even lawyers get such words past their teeth without doubling up in laughter?) The judge was of course bound by the law, and duly gave Hilton the injunction it had demanded. Mr Ullah, therefore, must remove the sign over his restaurant, destroy all his menus and business cards, and pay Hilton's costs; he was unrepresented in court because he could not afford legal fees, and Hilton are, or were when last heard from, considering whether to ask for damages from him on top of everything else.

Hilton had the law on its side. But there is nothing in the law, whether of the *curat* kind or the *minimis*, that obliged Hilton to use it. Squeals of horror will no doubt be heard from Hilton at so lax a view, but I suspect most of my readers would agree with me. The law, when translated into English, says that if a registered trademark is used by someone not authorised to use it, the miscreant can be stopped. But the only reasons for the stopping lie in the danger of confusion on the one hand and improper battening off of the name's business on the other. Come; we are not in court now, and I promise not to go about the streets pinching people's trademarks, but please don't tell me that a little tandoori restaurant can be confused with a Hilton Hotel or take its business.

If hundreds of tandoori takeaways were to spring up calling themselves Hiltons, copying the Hilton façades, stationing commissionaires in Hilton lookalike uniforms outside their premises and advertising in the local press with the same typeface as Hilton Hotels uses, there might be a case for cracking the nut of a mutton korma with the sledgehammer of a good-night chocolate on the pillow. But here, surely, credulity must take a stand. I know, of course, that trademarks are created in categories, so that the mark for a supplier of clerical collars will rarely come into conflict with a chain of massage parlours, but you can still have fun with the London telephone directory.



Take the business section; it's good news for the lawyers, for there is a Hilton Books, a Hilton Boutique, a Hilton Tree Contractor, a Hilton Cameras, a Hilton Clubhouse, a Hilton Coachworks Centre, a Hilton Communications, a Hilton Estate Agency, a Hilton Industries, a Hilton Photographers, a Hilton J Belle & Associates, a Hilton Lindsay, Barristers (ha! go tangle with *them*, if you dare), a Hilton Furniture Designers, a Hilton Matthews Dental Laboratories, a Hilton Sound Ltd, and a Hilton's of Fulham. More comfort for the Bar will be found in the residential section of the London book — 189 Hiltons, including a Reverend J.R. Hilton, who would probably feel that Hilton Hotels are past praying for, and a Brigadier Hilton, who I hope would call up the heavy artillery and deposit a few tons of high explosive on the whole, mean-spirited, tight-wad, self-important, ridiculous bunch of hoteliers.

Mr Ullah may be ruined by the case, but the law, if not an ass, is certainly a pig, and there can now be no redress there. We, the people, and in particular the people of Newport, Gwent, must take a hand.

First, we must find a new name for Mr Ullah's place, and if we cannot call it the Hilton, we can surely call it the Mr Justice Mervyn Davies Tandoori and Takeaway.

That done, we must drum up trade. Come; let all those in Newport who respect fair play and reject pomposity make a resolve to eat *chez* Ullah at least once a month; let travellers who have to visit the town on business or domestic matters hurry to make their mark of solidarity by taking a meal there; let all those who read these words pass the good news on; let us make certain that Mr Ullah will be so successful that he will ultimately be in a position to make a successful takeover bid for Hilton Hotels.

So far, so good. But we still have many a rod in pickle. The statute is on the Hilton's side, but compassion and good sense are on Mr Ullah's. There is nothing to stop us ceasing to patronise the Hilton chain, if indeed we ever did; I know of no town with a Hilton which does not also have a substantial number of other hotels with competitive rates, and if enough of us refuse to use Hiltons anywhere in the world, and not just in Newport, the company's nerve may crack. Mind; we must not go any further. If, for instance, people going past the Newport Hilton get into the habit of popping into the foyer and shouting "Piss off, you sanctimonious creeps!" I would utterly deplore their behaviour, but I am well aware that I could not single-handedly put a halt to such shameful conduct.

It comes to this: hands up anyone who cannot tell the difference between an Indian tandoori house and an ugly hotel a mile away. (I assume it is ugly, because I have never seen a Hilton that wasn't. Indeed, the one in Santa Fe is not just ugly by Hilton standards; it is the 17th ugliest building in the world.) But what has become of the ancient, soothing rubric: live and let live? How in the name of Basmati rice did Hilton Hotels persuade itself into thinking that it mattered if an Indian, who knew what we were given smiles for, set up in business a mile away under the name of The Hilton Tandoori?

Wait a minute; what if one of those Hiltons in the phone-book — the Hilton Coachworks Centre, perhaps — turns out to antedate the founding of Hilton Hotels? If so, I wouldn't half laugh if they were they to be sued, ruined and obliged to start all over again as tandoori restaurateurs.

...and moreover

CRAIG BROWN

What type of lavatory paper did A.J.P. Taylor prefer? This is a question answered by the historian — and at some length — in a recently published book. It used to be that satirists would joke about the publication of a writer's laundry lists. Alas, once again, life has overtaken satire, with Taylor's loo paper whizzing past us on the fast lane.

A week or two ago, the *Times Literary Supplement* kindly asked me to review *Letters to Eva*, a volume of nearly 500 pages consisting of Taylor's letters to his third wife. I ummed and aahed, for my knowledge of history is scant: at school I only ever seemed to be taught about the Great Exhibition of 1851. For this reason, I feared I might be out of my depth.

Not a bit of it. For each reference to history, there are five references to pork chops; for each reference to Anglo-German relations, there are ten to buying a fridge-freezer. On page 424 a paragraph starts: "I began to worry that perhaps the dozen eggs you left have not kept fresh. So tonight I shall make myself an omelette to see whether they are all right. I have taken the precaution of buying a chop in case the eggs have gone off." And the same paragraph ends with the loo paper.

Before unravelling the loo-paper, perhaps we should get the pork chop out of the way. On this important issue, Taylor decides that, if the eggs are all right, "I shall leave the chop in the deepfreeze for me to eat next and final Saturday." Luckily, Taylor prevents unnecessary speculation by future historians on the conclusion of his dilemma, by recording, the very next day, that, "The eggs were fine and made a delicious omelette."

Now that there is so little left that has not been anthologised, I am thinking of proposing *The Oxford Book of Redundant Prose.* "Taylor on Toilet Paper", about which more later, will occupy a prominent position, but I have collected much else besides. A chapter on politics will contain a good chunk of the SDP-Liberal Alliance Manifesto 1987, "The Time Has Come", including this marvellous prediction: "Politicians would be forced to listen to each other and work together. The two-party, two-class pantomime would finally be over. It's not an impossible dream. It's closer now than at any time in our history. All you have to do to make it happen is vote Alliance on June 11."

Under "Royalty", I will include an extract from what must be one of the most poorly timed books every published, *Our Ambassador King*, by Basil Maine, subtitled: *His Majesty King Edward VIII's Life of Devotion and Service as Prince of Wales*, and published in 1936, just weeks before the Abdication. "There is no gainsaying that the announcement of the Prince of Wales's engagement would give rise to something like a tidal wave of popular approval and enthusiasm," the author confidently pronounced, adding: "We may look ahead with confidence; for our new King has proved himself a leader, not in a grandiose but in a simple and true sense."

Diaries are a mine of similarly faulty predictions, particularly diaries published before the ink has dried. For a single year, in 1981, Lord Longford kept a diary. Weidenfeld & Nicolson published it early in 1982. In *Diary of a Year*, Longford delights in hobnobbing with those with their finger on the pulse of politics. On June 4, 1981, he chats to an unnamed former Conservative minister, "indubitably high-minded, a real insider, with a private line to every sort of person in business and politics, no possible axe to grind". This "real insider" tips Longford the wink that Mrs Thatcher will soon engineer a dramatic change in her economic policy: " 'Who', I persisted, 'will stand at her side to carry through the new policy?' He again had no hesitation. 'Ted Heath,' he replied. 'In what capacity?' 'Chancellor of the Exchequer'."

And so to Taylor's loo paper. "We must buy different toilet paper," he writes in 1979. "This yellow kind breaks into thin strips unless one is careful. I am sure there are varieties which, though soft, are not fragile." And he does not stop there. "As a matter of fact", he adds, "I regret the old hard-paper variety, much more efficient and not tearing into strips." Who knows? If enough similar extracts from the letters of leading historians can be located, we may well find a taker for *The Oxford Book of Loo-Paper*.

THE TIMES DIARY

Hope of good Cape

Fed up with Labour councils naming streets after Nelson Mandela and blocks of flats after Oliver Tambo? Then how about De Klerk Avenue, or a town twinned with Pietermaritzburg? Welcoming the rehabilitation of South Africa, long-time opponents of sanctions were yesterday looking for practical ways to mark the republic's return to the fold of international respectability.

John Carlisle, the MP for Luton North, immediately wrote to Luton council suggesting it erects a suitable monument. "I would like to see a statue of President F.W. de Klerk outside Luton town hall," wrote Carlisle, who has been among the South African president's strongest supporters at Westminster. "I would like to be given the opportunity to unveil it and I will provide very good South African wine, at my own expense, to celebrate the occasion."

Sir Charles Irving, the Tory MP for Cheltenham, also believes his town should mark the occasion. "Cheltenham should twin with Cape Town without delay," he says. As mayor of Cheltenham in the late 1950s, at the height of the cold war, Irving twinned the town with Sochi in the Soviet Union. "We were a quarter of a century ahead of glasnost. We won't have to wait so long for De Klerk to deliver," he says.

In another sign of the changing times, the Local Government Information Bureau, which brings together the main local authority associations, this week commissioned an in-depth report on forging civic and cultural links with South Africa. "We have discouraged such links in the past," says a spokesman. "But the time is right to offer such advice."

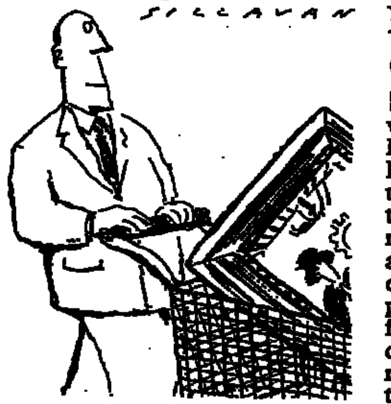
However, the Anti-Apartheid movement, located in Camden's Mandela Street (Selous Street until renamed by the GLC in 1984), is aghast at the thought of civic tributes to De Klerk. Yet what could be more appropriate than to rename the street a second time after the man who dismantled apartheid? "Unlike Nelson Mandela, he was not unjustly imprisoned for 27 years," says Mike Terry, Anti-Apartheid's secretary.

● *The Catholic bishops conference, starting in Liverpool today, should be rather special. The programme promises a "video message from his Holiness Pope John II." Remarkable, considering that he sat in Rome between 533AD and 535AD. Perhaps John II could have saved the organisers' confusion by not changing his name. Had he stuck with the one given him at birth, today's conference would have received a message from Pope Mercury. Presumably, then, instead of sending a video, he would have telephoned.*

Public view

The new Sainsbury wing got the thumbs up when it opened to the nation for the first time yesterday. "Long live the Sainsbury family," declared an excited Mary Pegler, on holiday from Australia. She had risen early in anticipation of the crowds. But, apart from a sizeable queue immediately before the 10am opening, and which denuded the information desk of its pamphlets within minutes, the gallery was busy rather than crowded.

Later, the desk dealt with a stream of enquiries about the nearest decent pub, but there were many serious art connoisseurs, including a group of boys from Longclose school in Slough. "We came specially to see Pierro della Francesca's *Baptism of Christ* as part of the school's religious studies," said one of their teachers. Even the warders were happy, after their lonely vigil guarding the pictures in an otherwise empty gallery. "The busier it is the quicker the time goes," said Clive McDonald.



Inside job

At least the police have managed to apprehend one person in the hunt for the two IRA suspects who escaped from Brixton prison. But their prize suspect, spotted acting suspiciously outside the prison gates, turned out to be none other than Tricia Grant, a newly recruited area press officer for the Metropolitan police. She was overheard by plain clothes anti-terrorist squad officers talking loudly about Irish affairs and, within seconds was being frogmarched to a nearby police car, protesting loudly. She was not observed again for the rest of the day — although she obviously convinced someone of her innocence, for the next day she was back at her desk dealing with reporters demanding to know if the police had caught anyone.

Naval manoeuvre

Students have been known to flee in terror at the thought of finals, but what happens when the examiners take flight? Fine art students at Nottingham Poly have been on tenterhooks for the past three weeks, wondering if their exams were going to be marked and their degrees awarded. Incensed by the decision of the poly authorities to censor a picture of two half-naked sailors from the catalogue of the fine art degree show, the chief examiner resigned. The 30 students set aside their own objections to such an infringement of artistic freedom in favour of more pressing concerns: who would award their degrees and would they have to retake their exams? Fortunately, there was a happy ending. Two new examiners were appointed yesterday. As to the offending picture, it *is* being exhibited, but will go unmentioned in the catalogue.

● *A royal gala with an empty royal box and not even a note of the national anthem? It happened at the Coliseum on Tuesday night when the Duchess of York turned up spectacularly late for the Dutch National Ballet's production of* Romeo and Juliet. *The house management proposed awaiting her arrival, but a storm of hissing and booing persuaded them to start without the royal guest. Eventually the Duchess slipped into a box at the back of the house and the theatre tactfully decided not to risk the ire of its audience further: the orchestra was not asked to play the national anthem at either the interval or the performance's end. "But it was still a royal gala," insists a spokesman. "She was in the audience." Some of the time.*

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STATE OF NATIONS

Yesterday Russian nationalists installed their hero, Boris Yeltsin, as president with some of the pomp that once accompanied the coronation of the Tsar. Thus did Russia reassert age-old emotions and values long suppressed by communism. All over Eastern Europe, peoples are discovering their past as nations. Hungary has put the crown back in its coat of arms; others, including Bulgarians and Romanians, are pondering monarchs.

The breakup of the communist empire has been brought about not by any spontaneous capitalist uprising but by a surge of nationalism. No spectacle in modern history has been more ironic than that of Western Europe cheering on this process. First it was brave Poland and sturdy Hungary, then plucky Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Now Slovenia, Croatia, even Russia are idolised for their separatism.

Yet the same West treats its own nationalisms as a relic of some primitive pre-industrial era, a dark threat to the new federalism. Nations are thus appropriate only to the lower political orders, a means to the demise of one supranational hegemony, but not of supranational hegemony as such.

In his famous essay on nationalism, Sir Isaiah Berlin pointed out that no ideology has proved more resilient. An individual's immediate focus might be an economic group or a religion or a political party but "none of these has proved as potent. . . a unifying and dynamic force as the nation. And when the nation is one with other centres of devotion – race, religion, class – its appeal is incomparably strong."

What to Berlin was extraordinary was that so many modern thinkers could believe that materialism, whether rooted in liberal capitalism or in communism, could supplant this appeal and convert it into a branch of local government. Groups that might otherwise define themselves by language, race or religion, it was thought, would submit to a supranational power because it would make them rich.

The same centralist drift that led to imperial oppression – "economies of scale", the search for wider markets and the power hunger of great bureaucracies – is as present in alliances of democracies as in those of dictatorships; it is just slower to take effect. Yesterday a European commissioner announced he would close down any European zoo of which he disapproved: nations could not be trusted with the souls of animals.

The ideal of a single scientifically-organised governing system has a long and seductive intellectual history. It underpinned movements as diverse as that for world government; Marx's "workers of the world unite"; Germany's aggressive nationalism in the early 20th century; the yearning for a postnational "one Europe". The ideal is hostile to diversity and ultimately hostile to tolerance. But even where it does not become oppressive, it becomes, as Alexis de Tocqueville said, oppressively monotonous in its conformism.

This is the conformism, once well-intentioned by some, out of which Eastern Europe is now breaking. It must not become the conformism, also well-intentioned, of a federal Europe. Many West European states, notably Spain and Portugal, only recently converted to democracy and did so within a context of intense national pride.

These democracies cannot be strengthened by a rushed transfer of power by their political elites to some "political and economic union". Democracies take time to find institutional responses to national aspirations. Weaken their parliaments and nationalism will find other outlets.

This is surely the message the East should now teach the West. What is tearing Yugoslavia apart is the inability of Yugoslavia's leaders to tolerate national diversity within a federal state. As in Yugoslavia, so in Brussels, the 1990s promise to be the decade of the constitution builders. These political master-masons must find ways to enable peoples to remain "free", even while yielding some power to alliances that may reflect the interests of other national identities than their own.

Nationalism is not a good *or* bad -ism. It is a fact of human society. It can be suppressed but not eliminated: even the greatest imperialist, Stalin, understood that. If suppressed, it will sooner or later take on the dark and dangerous hue now seen in Yugoslavia. The European Community has made federalism its final goal.

Enthusiasts cite America as an example, though many Americans were refugees from supranational regimes which had suppressed their identity. There is much good to come from international co-operation, not least in Europe, but that good will only come if those promoting it respect the culture, aspirations and diversity of individual nations.

BCCI'S VICTIMS

The first lesson of finance is that risk and reward cannot be separated. Customers who flocked to the Bank of Credit and Commerce International because it offered higher rates of interest or easier loans than its competitors should have asked themselves why it was so generous.

Financial sophisticates have been avoiding BCCI for years. But the local authorities now facing losses cannot claim ignorance. No newspaper reader could have failed to notice the bank's involvement with drug money laundering, or its operating losses. BCCI was not even incorporated in Britain, and so was not covered by the Bank of England as lender of last resort. If they were negligent, the councils' financial officers should be sacked, if not sued. That BCCI was on the Bank of England's list of authorised banks did not constitute an imprimatur, but simply stated that it was a licensed deposit-taker.

Some of those who banked with BCCI seem to have done so for dishonest reasons. Investigators have reportedly unearthed practices that enabled British account-holders with relatives overseas to evade VAT and composite-rate tax. Some BCCI customers must be worried, not because they have lost money, but because official investigators now have their files.

The innocents are those British Asians who banked with BCCI not for its higher rates or its tax evasion practices, but because they felt at home with a bank that, literally, spoke their language. Their industry has been a boon for this country. How can they be helped?

A fund paid for by the high-street banks will refund three-quarters of depositors' money, up to a maximum of £15,000. Touche Ross, the liquidator, has set up advice centres all over the country to help transfer BCCI customers' accounts to the clearing banks. The clearers, under fire for their behaviour to small businesses, now have an opportunity to redeem themselves. They should take on as many customers as they can as quickly as possible.

Calls are mounting for larger compensation for those who have lost money. A full bail-out would ignore the rule of moral hazard and should not be contemplated. It would encourage people to search out the highest return without taking on the inevitable accompanying risk. That is what has happened in America, where deposits of up to £62,500 are fully guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Healthy banks, which fund the FDIC, rightly complain that they are being forced to underwrite irresponsible or unscrupulous banking practices.

Britain, with its lower guarantee, still recognises the need to maintain confidence in the banking system: America is wrong to offer 100 per cent compensation. The 75 per cent limit is important to ensure that no depositor can avoid risk altogether. But the £15,000 ceiling was set in 1979. In today's money, it would be worth more than double. If Parliament deemed £15,000 to be the appropriate figure 12 years ago, it should be adjusted for inflation now and index-linked.

That cannot help the unfortunate victims of BCCI. Any payment to them would have to be *ex gratia*. The bank's unofficial lender of last resort is Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan, ruler of Abu Dhabi. He has no legal obligation to help depositors with savings of more than £15,000 in BCCI. But to do so would be honourable.

UNJUDICIOUS LANGUAGE

There would be no surprise if a crumpled napkin bearing the legend "NB: abolish the LCJ!" was found among the debris after Tuesday's Mansion House dinner. The handwriting would have been that of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern. He would have scribbled it while enduring an after-dinner speech of extraordinary antagonism to him from the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane. And he should stick to such thoughts in the light of day. He should resharpen the sword of reform he blunted two years ago, hacking through the barristers' and solicitors' undergrowth. He should start by stabbing a judge or two.

When Lord Lane's competence was being maligned after the Guildford Four acquittals, who but the Lord Chancellor stood forth to declare him a "careful and hardworking judge of outstanding integrity"? This was magnanimity indeed: Lord Lane had once insultingly described Lord Mackay's green paper on the legal profession as "one of the most sinister documents" any government had ever issued.

Lord Lane is an exception to the rule that judges, possessed of minds honed to hair-splitting sharpness, are the least likely people to overstate a case. He was no less hyperbolic about the guilt of the Guildford Four, doubling the later difficulties of bringing them true justice. On Tuesday, he informed his fellow dinner guests that there was an "acute shortage" of Queen's Bench judges. Some long trials were "monstrosities" and the strain on the poor judge hearing them was "well-nigh intolerable". Everybody was working too hard. All spare time, when not eating Lord Mayors' dinners, was taken up with paper work. Too many cases were being heard by deputy judges. And every time he complained to Lord Mackay, "prevarication ruled the day".

The widespread belief in the legal community is that English courts are inefficient only because of the entrenched conservatism of the judiciary, headed by Lord Lane. Herein lies the real prevarication. As for having to use deputy judges instead of expanding the Queen's Bench – from where would new judges come if not from the ranks of their deputies? Lord Lane's attack was a barely-coded plea for a pay rise for deputy judges, who on promotion would do the same work but be paid £77,000 a year.

The patient and courteous Lord Mackay was half way towards untangling the vested interests of the lawyers before they lobbied him to a standstill. To take on the judges, above all to speed up and simplify court procedure, a reforming Lord Chief Justice would be an essential ally. That person Lord Lane manifestly is not. A quiet chat between them (mentioning the phrase "early retirement") is in order – but not over dinner.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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BCCI closure and the ramifications

From Mr Ted Frith

Sir, The closure of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (report, July 8) and the subsequent probability of losses to investors and depositors has caused outrage and angry disbelief in many circles. It has also produced some remarkably sharp hindsight.

Many commentators have been quick to berate the Bank of England and other regulatory bodies for not acting much sooner than they did and have implied that they must have been in the very small minority not to have noticed the dubious practices and colourful history of the BCCI group. In their next sentence they side with the tens of thousands who, one assumes, by the very fact that they had accounts with BCCI, were also completely ignorant of the facts.

A much more serious point, in my view, is that there should be no question of the Treasury or Bank of England compensating in full any losses incurred by investors in the failed group. Whilst it is reasonable to expect a firm regulatory framework to protect small investors in the world's most deregulated banking market it is, surely, unreasonable to expect bank deposits to be wholly underwritten by the state? Lower yielding gilts and Treasury bills would become unfashionable very quickly.

Yours faithfully,
TED FRITH,
13 Ashley Road, N19.
July 10.

From Mr A. F. W. Budden

Sir, I think that two questions need to be asked on the BCCI failure and the case for compensation for the unfortunate depositors.

Did some depositors choose such a dubious and "offshore" bank either to obtain higher interest rates than the norm or to avoid paying UK taxes? In either case they should have known the risks, so why should the rest of us and our UK tax-paying banks foot the bill to compensate them?

Secondly, before the Deposit Protection Board pays any compensation will it check thoroughly with the Inland Revenue that the recipients of the compensation have made UK tax declarations and paid their company and personal taxes over the period of time they have been depositors? It appears that if they are paid out in one month as you suggest it will leave no time for this precaution to be taken.

Yours faithfully,
A. F. W. BUDDEN,
Smishops, Loders,
Bridport, Dorset.

From Mr Lucas Mellinger

Sir, In the light of current investigations into massive fraud alleged to have been perpetrated by the BCCI, is it not thought-provoking to recall that in 1982 the bank's staff were required to return answers to an extraordinary moral questionnaire to see if they qualify for a salary increase.

One of the questions asked:

Is our major purpose Humility, through the transparency of which alone dawns the light of all truth, beauty, love, goodness and wisdom?

Yours faithfully,
LUCAS MELLINGER,
4 Kew Green, Richmond, Surrey.

Reassurances on London's past

From Dr Geoffrey Wainwright

Sir, Professor Martin Biddle's letter (July 8) on the future of archaeology in London fails to recognise that archaeology is now conducted on a very different footing from that operated in 1983, let alone 1973. It is firmly established in the planning process, with a strong emphasis on the role which local planning authorities have to play in ensuring that important remains are protected from development.

To do this effectively, planning authorities need a strong source of expert advice. For this reason English Heritage is preparing to play a larger role by setting up its own section to deal with archaeology and planning in London.

This proposal was announced in April 1990. Subsequently, the recession in development activity has independently forced the Museum of London to review its involvement in archaeology. It has concluded that its archaeological work should continue, but that work will be done only if, as elsewhere, there are funds available.

English Heritage has assured the museum that its funding will be around £1 million a year in the three years 1991-2 to 1993-4. This sum, which represents almost 20 per cent of English Heritage's annual archaeology budget, will be directed mainly towards dealing with a backlog of some 800 unpublished London excavations which has been allowed to accumulate at the museum in recent years.

When the GLC established the existing archaeological arrangements for Greater London in 1983 it was clearly understood that those arrangements would be periodically reviewed. English Heritage and the Museum of London have concluded that changes are now needed; but change should not be equated with virtual collapse, as Professor Biddle appears to believe.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY WAINWRIGHT
(Head of Archaeology),
English Heritage,
Fortress House, 23 Savile Row, W1.

From Councillor Sally Powell

Sir, Professor Martin Biddle is right to say that London boroughs have been happy with the work of the London Archaeological Service, which is now threatened with gradual abolition by English Heritage, who were entrusted with the LAS when the GLC was abolished.

But the threat serves to highlight the uncertainty created by the absence of a strategic authority for the capital which could oversee the LAS. Worryingly, the threat seems to have been initially directed at the LAS exhibitions and educational work, as if these functions of informing the general public and schoolchildren are not important.

I hope the government will step in before it is too late to save London's archaeology. Without the LAS we may never discover other lost treasures of our history, like the Rose Theatre. But its future stability should lie in a co-ordinated London-wide authority rather than at the whim of English Heritage.

Yours faithfully,
SALLY POWELL (Chairman,
Environment Committee),
Association of London Authorities,
36 Old Queen Street, SW1.

Carey's charisms

From the Bishop of Chichester

Sir, Your leading article today on Dr Carey's charisms is too harsh. Any group of people who regard themselves as the only true Christians and their experience as the only authentic form of Christianity is a divisive element in the Christian community. Those who, like myself, have experience of chaplaincies in universities, would say the same of many of the Christian unions.

Certainly groups can be divisive but they can be a most important element in renewing the life of a parish. In this diocese I have noted that the most active and lively parishes have groups of Christians studying the Bible and discussing the faith together.

If they look towards the parish Sunday Eucharist as their focus and are mindful of the call to mission they are an enormous source of strength. Some experience the charisms to which you refer, many do not and are equally effective. It is not simply a matter of exuberance of worship, to use your phrase, but of deep spiritual renewal, which can be quiet as well as lively.

I was at the Brighton conference on Monday evening and Tuesday morning. In addition to the call to evangelise, the theme which came through most strongly to me was that of unity. It was emphasised by Dr Carey in his address on Tuesday morning (report, July 10). Your leading article is unfair to him.

Yours faithfully,
†ERIC CICESTR:,
The Palace,
Chichester, West Sussex.
July 10.

EC anomalies

From Mr Tim Hindle

Sir, The ragged progress towards the free movement of people within the European Community is throwing up some strange anomalies.

My Turkish au pair (a national of an associate member of the Community) recently wished to go from London to Paris for the weekend. Despite the fact that her passport shows that she has the right to reside in the United Kingdom for two years, the French insisted that she obtain a visa.

When I pointed out to an official at the French consulate in London that this unnecessary expense and inconvenience might deter a large number of third-country nationals in the Community from travelling to France he replied, with untypical brevity, "I don't give a damn".

In the end my au pair travelled to Belgium, which does not require her to have a visa, and thence to Paris. The Schengen agreement between the Benelux countries, France and Germany, permitted her to travel from Brussels to Paris without any travel documents whatsoever. I was spared the expense of a notary public, and my au pair was spared the indignity of being treated like an undesirable alien.

Yours faithfully,
TIM HINDLE,
22 Royal Crescent, W11.
July 9.

Ulster talks failure

From Mr Ivor Stanbrook, MP for Orpington (Conservative)

Sir, One must admire the persistence with which, as in your editorial, "The end of patience" (July 4), you hold onto the wrong end of the stick about Northern Ireland. Your impatience with the Unionist cause contrasts with the balance and good sense shown by your Irish affairs correspondent in the same issue.

One might have thought, from your editorial, that the Irish Republic had no role in Northern Ireland, and that the Anglo-Irish Agreement never existed. You do not mention them, yet they are the real obstacles to an all-party settlement in the province.

Do you know of any other country in the world which gives to its neighbour a right to be consulted about its own domestic affairs? Do you realise that the all-party talks (the beginning of which was Mr Brooke's actual achievement) could have continued if the Irish government had been willing to release the British from their commitment to hold an inter-governmental meeting on July 16?

Who then is really responsible for the breakdown? Not the Northern Ireland politicians but the Irish government, to whom Mrs Thatcher foolishly conceded British sovereignty under the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

Yours faithfully,
IVOR STANBROOK,
House of Commons.

From Mr Richard S. Rogers

Sir, Now that Peter Brooke's initiative and the talks have broken down (report, July 4), the government must take stock. With one exception all the available options have failed. Stormont rule was abolished; the power-sharing executive lasted only five months and failed; the convention failed; the assembly failed; direct rule has failed; and the Anglo-Irish Agreement has failed.

The exception, the option which has not been tried, is that favoured by Edward Carson, Airey Neave, John Biggs-Davison and Ian Gow, namely full integration with the rest of the United Kingdom.

The Anglo-Irish Agreement should be scrapped. The rights of minorities will be fully protected under United Kingdom legislation.

Yours faithfully,
R. S. ROGERS,
12a Ballyglighorn Road,
Castle Espie,
Comber, Co. Down.

Future of St Mark's

From Lord Shawcross, QC

Sir, The Lords will have a brief opportunity next Friday, in a debate which unfortunately I shall be unable to attend, to discuss the future of St Mark's Hospital for Diseases of the Rectum and Colon. I first became aware of the worldwide repute of this small establishment when I was chairman of the Medical Research Council, and I have also visited it as an occasional outpatient.

For over 150 years St Mark's has been situated in the City Road, EC1. Now it is recognised that it will have to move and be reorganised, probably on the Smithfield site associated with St Bartholomew's. Such a move involves problems far more important than those which arise in the case of an ordinary local hospital which could appropriately be dealt with by the City of London and Hackney Health Authority (an area which only provides 3 per cent of the hospital's patients).

As was pointed out by the distinguished medical practitioners and consultants whose letter you published on June 14, this matter is of national if not international importance. Nowhere else in the Western world is there a specialist hospital devoted exclusively to treatment and research into intestinal diseases, including the second most common, cancer.

Although St Mark's has only 74 beds, it performs 1,300 operations and 1,000 endoscopies yearly. Seventy-five per cent of its medical staff are consultants who between them have published 575 scientific papers and 28 books on their specialities in the last five years.

St Mark's should remain a national institution, geographically cohesive and administratively identifiable, with the status of a diagnostic teaching hospital. Like other specialist hospitals in London it ought now to become directly answerable to the Department of Health.

Yours faithfully,
HARTLEY SHAWCROSS
(FRCS (Hon)),
House of Lords.
July 10.

Plain vegetables

From Mr D. B. Jenkin

Sir, The concern about vanishing chips (letters, July 3,5,9) covers only part of the problem. Too many chefs ignore the principle that savoury dishes need plain vegetables to complement them. Tarted-up accompaniments are fine with roasts and grills, but a request for straight vegetables (including boiled or mashed potatoes) with a complex meat or fish dish is liable to be rewarded with a pitying look.

Yours faithfully,
D. B. JENKIN,
30 Hare Hill Close,
Pyrford, nr Woking, Surrey.

Over exposure

From Mr R. W. Billett

Sir, My 13-year-old son, who is shortly to leave middle school, announced on arriving home the other day that he had been photographed four times – with his class, the rugby team, the school orchestra and the chamber choir. I suggested that with a bit of forethought he could have sat with his class in his rugby gear embracing his cello with his mouth open, thus saving me a fortune.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. BILLETT,
10 Furness Avenue,
Dunstable, Bedfordshire.

BMA and politics

From Dr Alexander Macara

Sir, As chairman of last week's BMA annual representative meeting in Inverness, I am disturbed and disappointed by your leading article ("Medical interests", July 5).

The BMA is not in the business of party politics. We ally ourselves with no political party. Our primary considerations are our patients and the National Health Service to which most of our members have devoted their entire working lives.

You are wrong on several points. The BMA did not bitterly oppose the NHS in 1948: indeed the concept was formulated by the BMA. What it criticised were the Labour government's proposed methods of implementation. Nor does the BMA now "implacably" oppose all the present changes. We strongly supported the aims behind the changes. The aims we uphold were clearly set out two years ago in our "Special Report on the Government's White Paper" – making the needs of patients paramount, financing the NHS mainly out of general taxation, optimising the use of resources and extending patient choice.

But in 1989 we did not, and do not now, believe that the changes introduced by the government on April 1 will achieve these aims. So although doctors are now working within the new system to protect patient care, we are unrelenting in our efforts to persuade the government to think again about the damaging means of achieving our agreed aims.

As any objective observer of last week's BMA conference will have learned, the BMA will continue to make its voice heard across a wide range of issues, from the NHS changes to smoking, from Aids to patient confidentiality. We value our apolitical reputation as jealously as you value your independence.

Yours faithfully,
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July 8.

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Elgin Marbles

From Miss Patricia Rawlings, MEP for Essex South West (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Tom Walker's report, "Greece turns to EC to regain Marbles" (July 4), gives a misleading account of the European Community's future legislation on movement of works of art, which is still in committee, at its working stage.

Nowhere does this proposal advocate a system of retrospective claims which would allow Greece to regain the Elgin Marbles, or even Italy to regain the Mona Lisa. Were it to be suggested surreptitiously, it would be categorically rejected by the European Parliament's culture committee, of which I am a member.

The real battle, as Tom Walker rightly mentions, is how to reconcile a free exchange of works of art across frontiers, and the desire of EC states – some more than others – to safeguard their "national treasures".

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA RAWLINGS,
122 The Stow,
Harlow, Essex.
July 5.

From Mr Graham Binns

Sir, Tom Walker is attempting to stir a straightforward issue. It does not really matter in this context what new EC rules are proposed regarding cultural artifacts, or even that the new Museum for the Acropolis at Athens will include a gallery in which the marbles now held in the British Museum can be seen to better advantage than is at present the case.

What matters much more is that these sculpted marble blocks are an integral part of the Parthenon, which is the national monument of Greece and that they belong there and not here.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM BINNS
(Acting Chairman),
The British Committee for
the Restitution of the
Parthenon Marbles,
5 St Paul's Place, N1.
July 4.

'Jumpers' and Olivier

From Mr Tom Stoppard

Sir, Arnold Wesker (Arts, July 3) recalls correctly that I read *Jumpers* to Kenneth Tynan and Laurence Olivier before the play was accepted by the National Theatre. However, this was not because Olivier had been "unable to see the play's virtues" but because I was late and had only an unfinished manuscript when they were planning the season.

Yours sincerely,
TOM STOPPARD,
5th Floor, The Chambers,
Chelsea Harbour, SW10.
July 9.

Chunnel breakfast

From Mr Robert R. Rodwell

Sir, Having recently returned from a tedious 12-night stay in a 7th arondissement Parisian hotel, where the only breakfast offering was a dreary and unchanging choice of three kinds of bread and jam, I must take issue with Michael Dynes's comment (report, July 10) that "against their better judgment" French and Belgian railways are to allow a traditional English cooked breakfast to be served on Chunnel trains.

It is an endless source of amazement to me that the French, with their gastronomic genius at other times, are so bereft of ideas over what one should eat to start the day. No wonder that, collectively, they have such an obsessive interest in a long and leisured lunch.

Yours faithfully,
BOB RODWELL,
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Belfast.
July 10.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 10: The Governor of Queensland and Lady Campbell were received by The Queen.

The Queen received the Bishop of London (the Right Reverend D. M. Hope), who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by the Right Hon Kenneth Baker, MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department), and did homage upon his appointment.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department administered the Oath.

Afterwards The Queen handed to the Right Reverend D. M. Hope the Badge and Chain of Office of the Prelate of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

The Queen received the Bishop of Leicester (the Right Reverend T. F. Butler), who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by the Right Hon Kenneth Baker, MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department), and did Homage upon his appointment.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department administered the Oath.

The Bishop of Chelmsford (Clerk of the Closet to The Queen) and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Right Hon John Major, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Reception given by the Magistrates' Association at St James's Palace and were received by the Lord Chancellor (President) and Mrs J. D. H. Rose (Chairman of Council).

The Lady Farnham, the Right Hon Sir Robert Fellowes and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF, were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh presented The Prince Philip Prize for the Designer of the Year, at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, President of the City and Guilds of London Institute, presented the 1991 City and Guilds Prince Philip medal and Silver and Bronze medals, at Buckingham Palace and afterwards attended a luncheon at the Connaught Hotel.

Mr Brian McGrath and Lieutenant Commander Malcolm Sillars, RN were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and The Prince Edward gave an Afternoon Party in the garden of Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this morning attended the Offshore Blind Sailing Course, Hayling Island Sailing Club, Sandy Point, Hayling Island and was received by Captain M. Boyle (Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire).

This afternoon Her Royal Highness, Chancellor, University of London, visited Imperial College of Science, Technology & Medicine to open the Sir Leon Bagrit Centre for Biological and Medical Systems and the Centre for Toxic Waste Management.

This evening The Princess Royal, Past Master, The Worshipful Company of Farriers, attended The Master's Reception at Kempton Park Racecourse.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 10: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Festival Service for the Friends of St Paul's which was held in St Paul's Cathedral.

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 10: The Prince of Wales, President, Prince's Youth Business Trust, visited Showcase 91 at the International Autumn Fair in the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for West Midlands (the Earl of Aylesford).

Mr Hugh Merrill was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Anglo-European College of Chiropractic, visited the College at Parkwood Road, Bournemouth, Dorset.

Her Royal Highness visited the North Bournemouth Family Centre at 246 Kinson Road, Bournemouth.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Relate, visited the charity's Dorchester offices at 8 Maumbury Road, Dorchester.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Dorset (the Lord Digby).

Viscountess Campden and Wing Commander David Barton, RAF were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 10: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon visited the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, this afternoon and opened The Princess Margaret Marine Plant House.

Mrs Jane Stevens was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 10: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Transport, this morning received Major General Colin Carrington on relinquishing the appointment of Director General of Transport and Movements and Major General John MacDonald on assuming the appointment.

Her Royal Highness also received Major General Frederick Plaskett on relinquishing the appointment of Colonel Commandant and Sir Christopher Leaver on relinquishing the appointment of Honorary Colonel Commandant.

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, this morning installed the Lord Vestey as Lord Prior and Professor Anthony Mellows as Chancellor of the Order at the Grand Priory Church, Clerkenwell, London, EC4.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
July 10: Princess Alexandra, Chancellor, today presided at congregations for the conferment of Degrees at Lancaster University.

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at Buckingham Palace at 4.00. The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Kent will attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the British Amateur Athletic Board, will present trophies and world record plaques at Buckingham Palace at noon.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a reception to be given by the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops at St James's Palace at 6.30.

Prince Edward will attend a concert and dinner at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, at 7.15 in aid of the British Performing Arts Medicine Trust.

The Princess Royal will visit 39 Engineer Regiment, Waterbeach Barracks, Cambridgeshire, at noon; and, attend the annual dinner of the British Grassland Society at the Cheltenham and Gloucester College of Higher Education at 7.45.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester will take the salute at the afternoon performance of the Royal Tournament at Earl's Court at 2.15.

The Duke of Gloucester, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, will take the salute at the evening performance of the Royal Tournament at Earl's Court at 7.15.

Princess Alexandra will visit the Biddulph Grange Country Park of the Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and Biddulph Grange Garden near Stoke-on-Trent at 11.20.

Dinners

City of London Magistrates' Court
The Lord Mayor, Chief Magistrate of the City of London Magistrates' Court, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, presided at the annual dinner of the City Justices held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, also spoke.

Henley Management College
The Right Hon John MacGregor, OBE, MP, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, presented a Royal Charter to the Henley Management College at the Governors' dinner held last night at the college. Sir Denys Henderson, Chairman of the Court of Governors, received the Royal Charter on behalf of the college.

Law Society
Mr Anthony Holland, President of the Law Society, the vice-president and the council were hosts at a council dinner held last night at the society's hall. Among those present were:

The Indian High Commissioner, the Master of the Rolls, the Attorney General, the President of the Family Division, the Vice-Chancellor of the Supreme Court, the Director of Public Prosecutions, Sir Desmond Heap, the Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, Sir Gordon Downey, the Treasurer of the Inner Temple and the Treasurer of Gray's Inn.

Reception

Magistrates' Association
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attended an evening reception at St James's Palace, London, SW1, on Wednesday, July 10, 1991, where they were greeted by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, President of the Magistrates' Association, and Mrs Joyce Rose, Chairman of Council of the Magistrates' Association. Seven hundred Justices from England and Wales attended the reception.

Order of St John

At a ceremony on Wednesday, July 10, at the Grand Priory Church of St John, Clerkenwell, Lord Vestey, DL, was installed by the Grand Prior of the Order of St John, the Duke of Gloucester, as the new Lord Prior of the Order of St John, in succession to Lord Grey of Naunton, GCMG, GCVO, OBE. As Lord Prior, Lord Vestey is deputy to the Duke of Gloucester and is responsible for the smooth running of the order's activities.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert the Bruce VIII, king of Scotland 1306-29, 1274; Luis de Góngora y Argote, poet, Cordoba, Spain, 1561; John Quincy Adams, 6th president of the USA 1825-29, Quincy, Massachusetts, 1767.

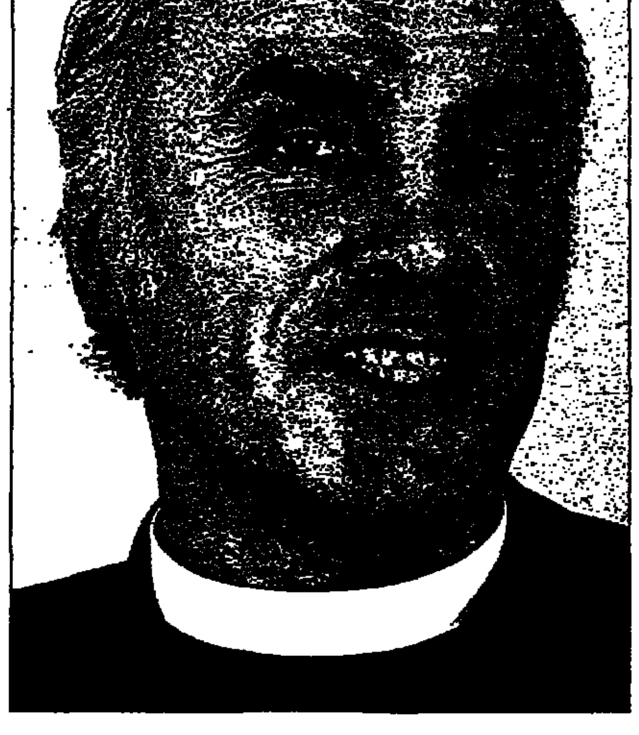
DEATHS: Charles Macklin, actor-manager, London, 1797; William Ernest Henley, poet, London, 1903; Alfred Dreyfus, French army officer who was wrongly imprisoned on Devil's Island for espionage, Paris, 1935; George Gershwin, composer, Hollywood, 1937; Sir Arthur Evans, archaeologist, Youlbury, Oxon, 1941; Barbara Wootton, Baroness Wootton of Abinger, sociologist, 1988; Laurence Olivier, Baron Olivier, actor-manager, first director of the National Theatre, 1989.

Lincoln's Inn

Mr Martin Edward Mann, QC, Mr Henry Mark Harrod and Mr Geoffrey William Jacques have been elected benchers of Lincoln's Inn, from July 9.

OBITUARIES

THE REV DOUGLAS GRAHAM



The Rev Douglas Leslie Graham, former headmaster of Portora Royal School and of Dean Close School, died on July 1 aged 81. He was born on October 4, 1909.

DOUGLAS Graham strode into Eton as an assistant master in 1934, with an aesthete's mind, an athlete's build and a touch of an Irish accent. He was an Irish trialist at rugby and at Trinity College, Dublin, he had also been renowned both as a classicist and a pugilist; of the latter a cauliflower ear was a reminder. More significantly, his liberal mind, worldly wisdom, controversial attitudes and utter frankness set him apart from other teachers.

He followed his father, the Very Rev G. F. Graham, into holy orders in 1937 and his sermons in Lower Chapel became legendary. None but Graham could have started one by taking off his wristwatch, holding it on high, and announcing: "This is a banana;" which, he went on to assert, was no more outlandish than for many of his congregation to describe themselves as Christians. When war came he determined to join the Navy: this course was opposed at Eton, from which young masters were all departing, because Graham, as a priest, was in a reserved occupation and could elect to stay on. He was told he need not hope to return if he joined up. The threat did not dissuade him in the least: he served for four years as a chaplain (RNVR) and was on board the cruiser *Trinidad*, his first ship, both when she holed herself with a faulty torpedo in Arctic waters with a convoy in March 1942 and when she was so seriously damaged by Ju88s two months later that she was abandoned and sunk by her escort.

Barred from Eton, he returned to his old school, Portora, Enniskillen, as headmaster in 1945, transferring in the same capacity to Dean Close School, Cheltenham, in 1954, where he ruled for 14 years. Graham had been heavyweight boxing champion of Trinity College and later light-heavyweight champion of the Royal Navy, but as headmaster of Dean Close he became persuaded of the dangers inherent in schoolboy boxing and banned the sport. He then used his authority at the Headmasters' Conference to convince others to follow his example.

Like most schools, Dean Close had felt the effect of the war on both its numbers and its standards. Graham continued the task of rejuvenation, with building modernisation. New buildings were erected and school numbers increased steadily. Perhaps more important in the evolution of the public schools were the first steps towards co-education. Almost his last act as headmaster was to introduce, not entirely in accordance with the governors' wishes, the first girls to Dean Close. He then became an assistant master and chaplain at Williston Academy, Easthampton, Massachusetts, until his retirement in 1972.

He remained to the end an indefatigable correspondent. His correspondents ranged from the poet and scholar A. E. Housman in the 1930s, with whom he argued remote points of textual criticism in the classics, to his lifelong friend and fellow-Irishman Samuel Beckett, with whom he remained in touch until a few months before Beckett's death. He remained also a keen countryman and ornithologist and an avid — some would say ferocious — bridge player. His motoring habits were more appropriate to Irish country roads *circa* 1929 where they had been learned.

His massive enjoyment of life and sense of informality were recalled by a colleague who could never forget the look of shocked disapproval on the face of the senior history master on being informed, yet again, that Headmaster Graham was off to Cheltenham Races. His love of controversy and mental agility occupied him until the end. A letter from him on the clergy's attitude towards premarital sex appeared in *The Times* two days before a heart attack claimed him. He said in it that he and most other priests marrying couples were aware that many of those before them were already living together and had had sexual intercourse together. "Where is the sin?" he asked.

He leaves his widow, Ann, whom he married in 1935, and their three sons.

T. S. DORSCH

T. S. Dorsch, scholar and critic, died in Grasmere on June 11 aged 80. He was born in Adelaide on January 11, 1911.

THEODOR (or Ted, as he preferred to be called) Dorsch is best known for his helpful and authoritative Penguin, *Classical Literary Criticism: Aristotle, Horace, Longinus*, which has been an indispensable aid to students ever since it was published in 1965. This, with its succinct introduction, provided an admirable survey of the field and many still refer to it.

Theodor Siegfried Dorsch, Peake scholar of the University of Adelaide, took first class honours in classics in 1933 and was Rhodes scholar for South Australia at Christ Church, Oxford, from 1934 until 1936, when he took another first; this time in English language and literature. He stayed in Britain, becoming a master at Wellington College, where he remained as head of the English department until 1947.

For the next 20 years he was at Westfield College, University of London, where he became reader in English. In 1976 he retired from the University of Durham, where he had been professor of English and head of the department since 1967. Thereafter, until 1980, he held a succession of shorter appointments as visiting professor at Canberra, Mannheim, Texas and New Orleans. As emeritus professor at Durham he remained a member of the senate for many years after his retirement.

Not only was Ted Dorsch an inspiring teacher and academic. He published a number of works of enduring value besides the celebrated Penguin. He edited Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors* for the New Cambridge Shakespeare (1986), and, as a profound Byron scholar, finally edited Cantos I-IV of *Don Juan* for Routledge (1967), a volume students find useful. He translated W. Clemen's study *Die Tragödie vor Shakespeare*, as *English Tragedy before Shakespeare*, for Methuen in 1961. There were a number of publications in learned periodicals or compilations, not the least of these being the massive and judicious Shakespeare bibliography (163 pages) in the *New Cambridge Bibliography of English Literature* (1974). From 1965 he was general editor of the Routledge English Text series. He was much in demand as a lecturer all over the world and his recorded seminars on Byron for the British Council were particularly valued. He chaired the first World Shakespeare Conference in Vancouver in 1971.

Ted Dorsch, although a model scholar and contributor to learning in the best traditions, did not conform to any academic stereotype. He greatly enjoyed the large garden of his home in Grasmere, his close intimacy and plentiful and genial conversations with friends, and the baroque music of which he was such a discriminating listener. A former chairman of the Rydal Mount Trust, he was at the time of his death a keen trustee of the Wordsworth Trust. He was until recently working on a book about the English antiquaries from Leland to Fuller.

He enjoyed his final years researching this, exploring ancient abbeys, serving his local community, and in meeting, advising and helping others less fortunate than he. His quiet demeanour and helpfulness will be greatly missed both by those who knew him well and by those who simply came into contact with him.

In 1937 he married Kathleen Primrose Fowler. She predeceased him; a son and a daughter of the marriage survive him.

MILDRED DUNNOCK

Mildred Dunnock, actress, died on July 5 in Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Massachusetts. She was born on January 25, probably in 1900, making her 91.

SMALL, slender, almost birdlike in movement, Mildred Dunnock was destined from the beginning to play the unglamorous, often thankless roles of spinsters, wives, aunts and mothers. But she invested her characters with a quivering intensity that earned her public acclaim and the grateful thanks of some of America's best playwrights. In 1949 she originated the role of Willy Loman's indomitable wife Linda in Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*. For Tennessee Williams she created an entire gallery of variously febrile and pathetic women: Big Mama in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (1955), Aunt Rose Comfort in the film *Baby Doll* (1956), Vera Ridgway Condotti in *The Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore* (1962), and Aunt Nonny in the film of *Sweet Bird of Youth* (1962).

"I like to play parts that are not like myself," she once said in an interview. "I'm not the least bit exciting." Her upbringing, indeed, was strictly conventional. After studying at Goucher College, Maryland, and Columbia University, she launched herself first as a schoolteacher; yet the lure of play-acting proved irresistible. Her Broadway debut came in 1932 in a maternity ward drama, *Life Begins*, for which life nevertheless ended after eight performances. But she stuck to her new trade, touring, appearing in summer stock and taking acting lessons with Maria Ouspenskaya and Tamara Daykarhanova, luminaries of the Moscow Art Theatre.

Emlyn Williams's *The Corn is Green* pitchforked her into the public eye with its New York production in 1940; she repeated her role as Miss Ronberry, the timid Welsh spinster schoolteacher, in Warner Brothers' film version of 1945. Some 20 films followed over the next 30 years, ranging from *Love Me Tender* with Elvis Presley and Hitchcock's black comedy *The Trouble With Harry* to John Ford's drama of missionaries in China, *Seven Women*.

But the stage remained her first love. Her finest hour came in 1949 with *Death of a Salesman*, where she played opposite Lee J. Cobb's travelling salesman, his life wasted chasing the American dream. By the late 1940s Dunnock had joined the Actors' Studio, studying with Robert Lewis and Elia Kazan (the play's Broadway director), and her empathy with the studio's Method approach helped her imbue the potential stereotype of the devoted wife with living compassion and nobility. "The marriage vow made flesh," critic John Mason Brown called her, "slight of body but strong of faith." When Stanley Kramer mounted his film version in 1951, Cobb was replaced by Fredric March, but Dunnock repeated her role to haunting effect, securing an Oscar nomination for supporting actress. Another followed five years later for her part as Rose Comfort, the ancient, abused aunt of Carroll Baker's teenage bride in *Baby Doll*.

Dunnock's later stage roles embraced Shakespeare, Eugene O'Neill and Jean Anouilh. She also taught, acted in television drama series, and, from the mid-1960s, appeared regularly at the Long Wharf Theatre, New Haven, Connecticut.

She is survived by her husband, Keith Urmy, and her daughter Linda McGuire, an actress.

GROUP CAPTAIN DENYS GILLAM

Professor R. V. Jones writes:

THE second and third DSOs won by Denys Gillam are attributed in his obituary notice (July 8) to his successes in attacks on V-weapon sites and in raids after D-Day, but mention should also be made of his contribution to D-Day itself. In the weeks preceding the Normandy landings he commanded No 20 Sector at Thorney Island which, along with No 22 Sector under Group Captain Davoud at Hurn, was responsible for almost all the Allied Expeditionary Air Force attacks on German radar stations in the invasion area.

Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory, in his official dispatch as Commander AEAF, recorded: "These radar targets were very heavily defended by flak, and low level attacks upon them demanded great skill and daring....Losses among senior and more experienced pilots were heavy." But so brilliantly did they carry out their attacks that they effectively blinded the German defences: on the vital night of the landing fewer than 10 out of 47 German radars were able to transmit. I myself was a privileged witness of the enthusiasm with which Denys Gillam and his squadrons went into action: well did they earn the verdict of the offical dispatch that "these attacks saved the lives of countless soldiers, sailors and airmen on D-Day."

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr S.A.G. Bath
and Miss L.L.A. Clay**
The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr P.G.H. [illegible] OBE, and Mrs Bath, of Wimbledon, and Lalage, second daughter of Mr John P. Clay, of New York City, and Mrs Simon Evans, of Islington.

**Mr E.R.P. Cameron
and Miss J.A. Farquharson**
The engagement is announced between Edward Richard Pyers, son of Mr A.D.J. Cameron, of London, W1, and Mrs G.J. Cameron, of Boxford, Suffolk, and Juliet Ann, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M. G. Farquharson, of Jakarta, Indonesia.

**Mr B.D. Coonan
and Miss H.D. Jones**
The engagement is announced between Blaise, son of Mr and Mrs P.V. Coonan, of Preston, Lancashire, and Hilary, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Jones, of Liverpool.

**Mr A.C.J. Cory
and Miss I.J. McKinlay
Douglas Service**
The engagement is announced between Arthur, only son of the late Mr Christopher Cory and of Mrs Cory, of Penllyn Castle, Cowbridge, South Glamorgan, and Isabella, elder daughter of Mr Hew McKinlay Douglas Service, of Coranmor, Ardfern, Argyll, and Mrs Carl Mayer, of Wheatfield, New York.

**Mr P.J. Dixon
and Dr S. Sriskandan**
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs C.B. Dixon, of Bardsey, West Yorkshire, and Shiranee, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Sriskandan, of Chislehurst, Kent.

**Mr F.C. Fulford
and Miss D.K. Tulloch**
The engagement is announced between Francis Fulford, of Great Fulford, Devon, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel F.E.A. Fulford and of Lady Carew Pole, and Kishanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Tulloch, of Highworth, Wiltshire.

**Mr C.L.R. Gould
and Miss K.S.C. Marshall**
The engagement is announced between Christopher Lucian Russell, younger son of Margaret Gould, of Harrow, Middlesex, and Ian Gould of Ealing, London, and Karen Scott Carroll, only daughter of Irene Marshall, of Penicuik, Midlothian.

**Mr J.J.R. Mayhew-Sanders
and Miss S.E. Nel**
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, second son of Sir John and Lady Mayhew-Sanders, of Earlstone House, Burghclere, Hampshire, and Susan, younger daughter of Mrs V.K. Nel and of the late Mr Pieter Nel, of Capetown, South Africa.

**Mr J.F.T Morrison-Bell
and Miss K.A. O'Flaherty**
The engagement is announced between Julian, youngest son of the late Sir Charles Morrison-Bell, Bt, and of Prudence, Lady Morrison-Bell, of Highgreen Manor, Tarset, Northumberland, and Karenina, daughter of Mr Nigel O'Flaherty, of Glenlion, Cabinteely, Dublin 18, and Mrs Esme O'Flaherty, of The Old Rectory, Kilmessan, Co Meath.

**Mr G.W. Paul
and Mrs M.J. Kilgour**
The engagement is announced between George Paul, of Wherstead, Suffolk, and Margaret Kilgour (née Hedges) of Hempstead, Essex.

**Mr C.O. Richards
and Miss M.C. Bexon**
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of the Rev Julian and Mrs Richards, of Boldre, Hampshire, and Tina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Bexon, of London, NW1.

**Mr F.R.C. Salvesen
and Lady Arabella Erskine**
The engagement is announced between Francis Robin Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robin Salvesen, of Eaglescairnie House, Haddington, and Arabella, younger daughter of the Earl and Countess of Buchan, of Newnham House, Hampshire.

**Mr S.L.J. Smales
and Miss I.C. Smith**
The engagement is announced between Simon, second son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Smales, of Reigate, and Isobel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Maxwell Smith, of Dulwich.

**Mr S.C. Wilkinson
and Miss K.E. Locks**
The engagement is announced between Stephen Charles, son of Mr and Mrs John Wilkinson, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, and Katharine Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Locks, of Loughton, Essex.

**Mr W. Williams
and Miss S.E.C. Moynihan**
The engagement is announced between Wyn, son of Mr and Mrs W. Williams, of Pwllheli, Gwynedd, and Sarah, daughter of the late Mr Gordon C. Moynihan and of Mrs Moynihan, of Freeport, New York, America.

**Mr J.J. Zietara
and Miss P.M. Francis**
The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Zietara, of Dunbartonshire, and Philippa, daughter of Mr Michael Francis, of Broadbridge Heath, and Mrs Camilla Francis, of Esher.

Marriage

**Mr C.M. Green
and Miss G.M. Brown**
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 22, 1991, at St Helen's Church, Oldcotes Styrrup, Nottinghamshire, of Mr Christopher Green, son of Mr and Mrs Norman Green, and Miss Gillian Brown, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Brown. Father Bernard Jackson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Frances Anderson, Elisa Mendez and Laura Hayes. Mr Conway Young was best man.

The reception was held at the West Retford Hotel and the honeymoon was spent on the Orient Express and in Italy.

Luncheons

Royal Society
Sir Michael Atiyah, President of the Royal Society, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 6 Carlton House Terrace for a delegation of scientists from the Georgian Academy of Sciences led by their president, Academician Albert Tavkhelidze. Sir Robert Honeycombe and Professor Sir Anthony Epstein were among others present.

German Chamber of Industry and Commerce
Sir Oliver Wright, President of the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce in the United Kingdom, presided at the 20th annual meeting luncheon held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Professor Kurt Biedenkopf, Prime Minister of Saxony, was the guest of honour and speaker. The German Ambassador attended.

Rotary Club of London
The Earl of Caithness was the speaker at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of London held yesterday at the Café Royal. Mr Ken Standish, president, was in the chair.

Guild of Water Conservators
At an installation luncheon held on Tuesday, July 2, at Glaziers' Hall, Mr G.A. Truesdale was installed as the Third Master of the Guild of Water Conservators. Mr C.B. Shirley, Mr R.L. Harris and Mr P.A. Banks were installed as Upper, Middle and Lower Wardens respectively and Mr G.M.A. Hindhaugh was re-elected Clerk. The principal guests were Alderman Sir Christopher Leaver, GBE, Mr P.H. Trollope, Master of the Glaziers' Company, Captain P.F. Mason, CBE, Master of the Master Mariners' Company, Mr J. Herrin, CBE, Master of the Scientific Instrument Makers' Company, and Mr J. Gaze, Master of the Parish Clerks' Company.

Award

The Bapsybanoo Marchioness of Winchester award has been instituted by the Marchioness at Oxford University. It will be given annually to a graduate student in the area of international relations and particularly concerned with human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Memorial service

Mr Eric Heffer, MP
The Prime Minister was represented by Mr Graham Bright, MP, at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Eric Heffer, MP, held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray, Speaker's Chaplain, officiated, assisted by Canon Nicholas Frayling, Rector of Liverpool.

The Speaker read the lesson. Mr Ian Aitken, political columnist, *The Guardian*, Sir Robert Rhodes James, MP, and Mr Tony Benn, MP, gave addresses.

The Leader of the Opposition was represented by Mr Derek Foster, Opposition Chief Whip, and the Leader of the Liberal Democrats by Mr Alan Beith, MP.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, OM, MP, the Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, the Leader of the Ulster Democratic Unionist Party and the Leader of the Scottish National Party attended. Others present included:

Mrs Heffer (widow), Mrs J Murray (mother-in-law), Mr and Mrs Robert Murray and Mr and Mrs David Murray (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mr and Mrs M Nicholls; Viscount Tonypandy, Lord Barnett, Lord Bruce of Donington, Lord Carlisle of Bucklow, QC, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, (Leader of the Opposition, House of Lords, also representing Labour peers), Lord and Lady Cocks of Hartcliffe, Lord Ennals, Lord Graham of Edmonton, Lord Kimball, Lord Marlesford, Lord Sefton of Garston, Lord Wallace of Coslany.

Mr John Biffen, MP, and Mrs Biffen, Mrs Tony Benn, Mr and Mrs Walter Harrison, Sir Barney Hayhoe, MP, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, Mr Denis Howell, MP, Sir Patrick Mayhew (Attorney General), Mr Nicholas Scott, MP, Mr Robert Sheldon, MP, and Mrs Sheldon, Mr John Smith, QC, MP, Mr John D Taylor, MP, Sir Anthony Meyer, MP, and Lady Meyer, Sir George Young, MP, Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP, Dame Peggy Fenner, MP, Sir Russell Johnston, MP, Sir Michael Neubert, MP, Lady Rhodes James, Sir Hugh Rossi, MP, Sir Michael Shaw, MP, Sir John Stokes, MP, Sir John and Dame Guinevere Tilney, Sir William van Straubenzee, MP, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, and the Hon Mrs Dalyell.

Mr Jonathan Aitken, MP, Mr Tony Baldry, MP, Mr Tony Banks, MP, Mr Harry Barnes, MP, and Mrs Barnes, Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, MP, Mr Roy Beggs, MP, Mr William Benyon, MP, Mr Michael Brown, MP, Mr John Browne, MP, Mr Richard Caborn, MP, Mr Robin Corbett, MP, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, MP, Mr Patrick Cormack, MP, Mr Dick Douglas, MP, Mr Frank Field, MP, Mr Harry Greenway (vice-chairman, Greater London Conservative MPs Group), Mr Neil Hamilton, MP, Mr David Harris, MP, Mr Jerry Hayes, MP.

Mr Norman Hogg, MP, Mr Doug Hoyle, MP, Mr J Hughes, MP, Mr Barry Jones, MP, Mr Robert Key, MP, Mr Allen McKay, MP, Mr Kevin McNamara, MP, Mr Max Madden, MP, and Mrs Madden, Mr Michael Mates, MP, Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, MP, Mr Terry Patchett, MP, Ms Dawn Primarolo, MP, Mr Stuart Randall, MP, Mr Tim Rathbone, MP, Mr William Ross, MP, Mr Nigel Spearing, MP, Mr Robin Squire, MP, Mr Gavin Strang, MP, and Mrs Strang, Mr John Ward, MP, Mr Kenneth Warren, MP.

Mr Mike Ambrose (*Morning Star*), Mrs Carole Andrews (House of Commons Library), Mr Edward Barber (Labour Common Market Safeguards Committee), Mr James Catford (Hodder and Stoughton), Mr Jim Cattermole (Labour Movement in Europe), Mr John Cole (BBC), Mr Percy Gourgey (Poale Zion), Mr David Healey (*Scottish Daily Record*), Mr A J Lewis (accountant, House of Commons), Mr Nigel Nelson (*The People*), Mr G R Russell (Deliverer of the Vote), Mr Peter Vince (lobby correspondent, Northcliffe Newspapers).

Dr Catherine Allom, Mrs Ann Bielecka, Mr Michael Brotherton, Mr Arthur Butler, Mrs Donald Gray, Mr Anthony Howard, Mrs R Howard, Major P N W Jennings, Miss Pat Malley, Mrs Sylvia Mear, Mr H P Mills, Mr Neville Sandelson, Mr John Sweetman (Clerk of Committees, House of Commons) and Mr Alan Watkins.

Birthdays today

Lord Bolton, 62; Mr Graham Clark, governor, Wandsworth Prison, 54; Mr Robert Compton, former chairman, Time Life International, 69; Mr Peter de Savary, company chairman and yachtsman, 47; Sir Kenneth Jones, QC, former legal adviser, Home Office, 81; Dame Margaret Miles, educationist, 80; Miss Julia Trevelyan Oman, designer, 61; Lord Penrhyn, 83; Mr Hermann Prey, baritone, 62; Sir John Rothenstein, former director, Tate Gallery, 90; Mr G.D. Slaughter, headmaster, University College School, 54; Dr Derek Stevenson, former secretary, BMA, 80; Mr John Stride, actor, 55; Mr Gough Whitlam, QC, former Prime Minister of Australia, 75.

Royal College of Surgeons of England

At a ceremony held on July 10, 1991, at the College, Lord Hanson, Chairman of Hanson PLC, was admitted as a member of the Court of Patrons of The Royal College of Surgeons of England. Membership of the Court of Patrons is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon a friend of the College and the President and Council take great pleasure in recognising in this way the continuing interest of Lord Hanson in the work of the College and his outstanding generosity in supporting its activities.

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It is useless to work so hard for a living, getting up early and going to bed late. For the Lord provides for those he loves, while they are asleep. Psalm 127 : 2 G.N.B.

BIRTHS

AL-RASHED - On July 7th, at the Portland Hospital, to Maria and Ali, a daughter, Tahani.

BOHANE - On Tuesday July 9th, 1991, to Stephen and Davina (Dee), a daughter, Emma Florence, a sister for Benedict and Betty.

COSANS - On July 7th, to Bianca (née Thomas) and Matthew, a son, Thomas James Francis.

DALY - To Emma (née Trewick) & Gary, a son Thomas James, born 29th June at the Royal Free Hospital Hampstead

GIBBS - On July 8th, at the Portland Hospital, to Claire (née Toeman) and Phil, a son, Jack.

GRIFFITHS - On July 7th, at the Portland Hospital, to Sarah, Charles and David Griffiths, a daughter, Katherine Victoria.

HOFFMAN - On May 22nd, in the USA at Robins Airforce Base, Georgia, to Denise (née Marsh) and Maj. Chris, a daughter, Natalie June Reiter, a sister for Annelca.

HOLGATE - On July 5th, at the Portland Hospital, to Gillian (née Keane) and Peter, twin sons, James Roach and Jeff Thomas, brothers for Ross and Rachel.

KELLY - On July 1st, to Catherine (née Stevenson) and Craig, a daughter Hannah Louise.

LENDRUM - On July 8th, at the Portland Hospital, London, to Fulvia (née Terzaghi) and Rupert, a son, Fabio Rupert Attilio.

O'DONOGHUE - On July 10th, in Rochford Hospital, to Mary and Charles, a son, Rory Charles John.

PLUNKET - On June 18th to Cordelia and Piers, a son, Simon Tuam Conyngham.

RAMAGE-HAYES - On June 3rd at Solihull Hospital, West Midlands, to Alexandra and Jeremy, a daughter, Héloïse Juliet Nefertari.

ROSENBERG - On July 7th, at the Portland Hospital, to Laurie Mayers and Michael Rosenberg, a son, Joshua Ethan.

ROWSON - On July 9th to Sandra (née Cooley) and Glen, a son, Thomas Sidney.

SAVIN - On July 9th to Kathryn (née Beveridge) and David, a daughter Rachel Clare.

SEGAL - On July 6th 1991, at the Portland Hospital, to Diane and Russell, the safe arrival of a daughter, Hannah Grace, a sister for Abbie.

WHEEN - On July 5th, at the Humana Hospital, Wellington, to Ivan and Karel, a son, Max Maloney.

YOUNG - On July 4th to Clare (née Watts) and Patrick, Katharine Stella, sister to Alexander and Rosalind.

DEATHS

BAIRD - On July 3rd at Yaxley, Suffolk, Margaret, late WRVS and in long association with the Brigade of Gurkhas, sadly missed by her many friends. Cremation private. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday August 7th at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne, near Eye, Suffolk.

BOWYER - On July 10th, peacefully, Catherine Enid, at Kenilworth Rest Home, Bexhill. Sadly missed by her husband, daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

COLLINSON - On July 9th, 1991 suddenly in hospital Carol Ann aged 40 years, dearly beloved wife of Tony, much adored mother of Jack and Poppy, loving daughter of David and June Horsfall, and sister of Kit. The funeral service will take place at St. Oswald's Church, Warton, near Carnforth on Monday July 15th at 2pm. Flowers are welcome but if preferred donations in lieu to Cancer Care Slynedales Appeal, Lancaster or Childline will be gratefully received by the Funeral Directors J.N. Wilson, Tel Carnforth (0524) 732301

CORMACK - On July 9th peacefully at home, Arthur Richard M.C.T.D., aged 97, beloved husband of Dorothy and a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. Senior Member of the Artist Rifle. Clock makers Livery company and valued friend of many. Private funeral and family flowers only, but donations if desired to The New Masonic Social Fund or Council and Care for the Elderly c/o T.H.Sanders, 28-30 Kew Road, Richmond. Tel: 081-948 1551. Memorial service to be held at a later date.

CRAM - On June 30th, suddenly at her home in Boyer's Orchard, Harby, Melton Mowbray, aged 81, Dr. Laura Mary (née Redhead). Wife of the Rev. Frederick Charles and mother of John, Leslie, David and Frances. Formerly medical missionary in China and laterly medical practioner in the Grantham and Nottingham area. Buried on July 6th in Harby churchyard.

DUNICAN - On July 8th, peacefully at Eastbourne, Irene May, widow of Peter Thomas and loving mother of Rachel, Andrew and Paul and grandmother of Angus, Niall, Thomas and James. Will be greatly missed by family and friends. Funeral service and cremation at theSurrey & Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on July 12th at 1pm. Flowers to Adela Funeral Homes, South St, Eastbourne.

HARDCASTLE - On July 8th, suddenly, Barbara Joan (B.J.), beloved wife of the late Nicholas Hardcastle, late of Epsom. Adored aunt, great aunt and great great aunt. Funeral service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Randalls Rd, Leatherhead on Monday July 15th at 3pm. Family flowers only but donations in her memory to The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council 41, Eagle St. London WC1 would be greatly appreciated. Enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons Ltd 0279 655477.

MATHEW - On July 8th 1991, peacefully after a long illness, borne with great courage, Margaret Elsie, aged 70 years of Redhill. Beloved wife of Lyn, much loved mother of David, Hugh and Kathryn and loving grandmother of Oscar, Laura, Ella and Oliver. Funeral service at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Balcombe Road, Crawley, Sussex, on Friday July 12th at 4.30 p.m. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX.

MOSS - On July 7th suddenly, David Murray. Beloved husband of Joan, father of Margaret. Service at City of London Crematorium on July 15th at 4pm.

ORMEROD - On July 6th 1991, quietly, Dorothy Elizabeth, formerly of Plockton, Ross-shire, wife of the late Medwyn and dearly loved by her family and friends. Grave side service on Tuesday, July 16th 1991 at 2pm in Balmacara new cemetery. Donations if desired to Parkinson Disease Society. Funeral arrangements c/o D. McKerlich and Son, Undertakers, Kyle, Ross-shire (0599) 4289.

SYKES - On July 6th, Humphrey Hugh, late 9th Queens Royal Lancers. According to his wishes, burial has taken place at Craigdarroch, Moniaive.

TABOR - On July 10th, very peacefully at home in West Pennard, Glastonbury, Peter Robert aged 75 years. Loving and courageous husband of Mollie. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Nicholas Church, West Pennard, Glastonbury on Monday, July 22nd at 2.30pm.

TABOR - On July 8th, peacefully at home in West Pennard, Glastonbury, Juliet Mary (Mollie) aged 69 years. Beloved and devoted wife of Peter. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Nicholas Church, West Pennard, Glastonbury on monday, July 22nd at 2.30pm.

TOVEY - On July 9th, 1991 suddenly with no suffering, Douglas Arnold Robert Tovey aged 83 years. Family funeral service in village on Tuesday, July 16th. Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Douglas Tovey to be held in London at a later date. Flowers, c/o Lovegrove Funeral Service, Reading Tel: 0734 572016.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 20th day of June 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the Company as at the 31st October 1991 alternatively for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the Company as at the 31st October 1991 by £18,000,000.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 22nd day of July 1991.

ANY creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation alternatively the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the Company should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED THIS 8TH DAY
OF JULY, 1991.
Messrs. Sebastian Coleman & Co., of St. Bartholomew House, 92 Fleet Street, London EC4Y 1DH agents for Messrs. Wragge & Co., of Bank House, 8 Cherry Street, Birmingham B2 5JY
Solicitors
for the Company
Ref: 14039/178/JQP/PKS.

DOOWROH LIMITED
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS HORWOOD CATERING EQUIPMENT LIMITED)
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 105 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a general meeting of the members of Doowroh Limited will be held at 20 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4PP on Tuesday 30 July 1991 at 10.00 am and will be followed by a general meeting of creditors at 10.30 am for the purposes of receiving an account of the liquidators' acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding-up to date.

A member or creditor entitled to attend and vote at either of the above meetings may appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member or creditor of the company. Proxies for both meetings must be lodged at 20 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4PP not later than 4.00 pm on Friday 26 July 1991.

Dated this 5 July 1991
J A G Alexander
Joint Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF
PREZZIES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 3rd July 1991.

DATED THIS 3RD DAY
OF JULY 1991
Keith David Goodman, FCA,
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
P.O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

SIVIUS SYSTEMS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & ASSOCIATES, situated at 20 New Road, (3rd Floor), Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 1UF on Thursday, the 18th day of July 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Associates, 20 New Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 1UF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

Dated the 3rd day
of July 1991
PAUL ADRIAN BLACKWOOD
Director

NO. 003983 OF 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
BELLAIR HOLDINGS PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 24th June 1991 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £2,000,000 to £10,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 27th June 1991.

Dated this 10th day
of July 1991
Osborne Clarke,
6 - 9 Middle Street,
London EC1A 7JA
Solicitors
for the above-named Company

BUSQUETS (UK) LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION

Take notice that the undersigned ALAN DAVID KENNINGHAM of Haines Watts Insolvency Services, 61 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP, was appointed Liquidator of BUSQUETS (UK) LIMITED by a resolution of a meeting of the company's members held on the 2nd day of July 1991.

Dated this 4th day
of July 1991
ALAN D KENNINGHAM
Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

ASHDENE & WINDSOR SMALL WORKS LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT, 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, on Tuesday 23rd July 1991 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

DATED THIS 4TH DAY
OF JULY 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
G. WOODS
DIRECTOR

C.J.S. MOTOR FACTORS LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Tuesday 16th July 1991 at 12 o'clock noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr P Lomas of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

DATED THIS 4TH DAY
OF JULY 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
C HEATON
(DIRECTOR)

DOOWROH 2 LIMITED
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS HORWOOD CATERING EQUIPMENT (EXPORT) LIMITED)
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 105 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a general meeting of the members of Doowroh 2 Limited will be held at 20 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4PP on Tuesday 30 July 1991 at 11.00 am and will be followed by a general meeting of creditors at 11.30 am for the purposes of receiving an account of the liquidators' acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding-up to date.

A member or creditor entitled to attend and vote at either of the above meetings may appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member or creditor of the company. Proxies for both meetings must be lodged at 20 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4PP not later than 4.00 pm on Friday 26 July 1991.

Dated this 5 July 1991
J A G Alexander
Joint Liquidator

DOOWROH 4 LIMITED
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS REFRIGERATION & SERVICE EQUIPMENT (RESELL) LIMITED)
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 105 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a general meeting of the members of Doowroh Limited will be held at 20 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4PP on Tuesday 30 July 1991 at 12.00 pm and will be followed by a general meeting of creditors at 12.30 pm for the purposes of receiving an account of the liquidators' acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding-up to date.

A member or creditor entitled to attend and vote at either of the above meetings may appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member or creditor of the company. Proxies for both meetings must be lodged at 20 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4PP not later than 4.00 pm on Friday 26 July 1991.

Dated this 5 July 1991
J A G Alexander
Joint Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ALTO LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the Meeting of Creditors of the above-named company will be held under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 at The Stanley Room, Bonnington Hotel, 92 Southampton Row, London WC1 4BH on 2nd August 1991 at 10.15 am for the purposes mentioned in S48(2) and S49 of that Act. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the Meeting. Creditors who intend to vote at the Meeting should note the following:

(a) Written statements of claim must be lodged with the Administrative Receiver by 12 noon on the day before the Meeting at Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU.

(b) Proxies for use at the Meeting must also be lodged with the Administrative Receiver.

9th July 1991
A.R. Bloom and G. Richie,
Joint Administrative Receivers

RE: Beaumont Catering Services Ltd
and
The Insolvency Act 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Wednesday the 17th July 1991, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Segal Davis Rose, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Monday 15th July 1991.

Dated this 1st day
of July 1991
K Holland
Director/Secretary

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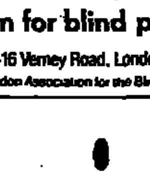

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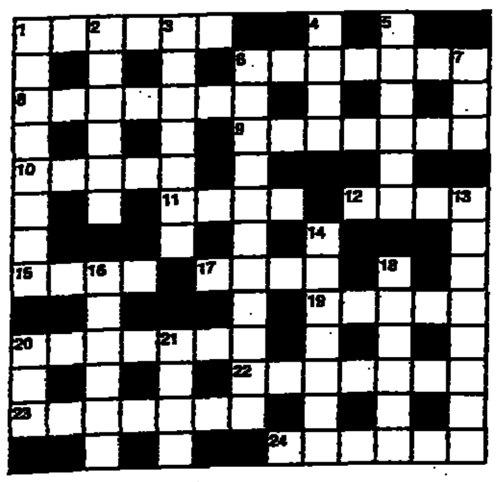

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JULY 11 **ON THIS DAY** 1927

Some memorable British aircraft took part in this race. The winner, Captain Hope, Geoffrey de Havilland and W. L. Runciman, later to be Director-General of BOAC, all flew DH Moths, while Nicholas Comper piloted one of his Swifts and E. W. Percival a Gull of his design. Flight Lieutenant Fielden later became Captain of the King's Flight.

KING'S CUP AIR RACE

Brooklands - Captain W. L. Hope, who won the King's Cup in 1927 and 1928, won it again today by a margin of 23 minutes. The King, on learning of Captain Hope's success, at once caused a message to be conveyed to him warmly congratulating him on having achieved victory for the third time.

The Prince of Wales's entry, flown by Flight Lieutenant E. H. Fielden, came in second, having made an average speed of 155.75 miles an hour, as compared with the winner's 124.25 miles an hour, over the 1,233 miles of the course. Mr Walter L Runciman, the amateur pilot who took third place and won the Siddeley Trophy as the first flying club member home, had an average of 129 miles an hour. A new record for the fastest time in the race was set up by Mr H. A. Brown in the Avro Mail Carrier. His speed of 176 miles an hour was better by five miles an hour than the previous best time.

Today's racing produced no alteration in the order of the first five machines. If the race had ended yesterday no competitor's chances would have been seriously affected. The only hope of upsetting the order of the first day's finish lay in a mishap or forced landing among the leaders. No such failure occurred. Among the whole 34 competitors who set out this morning there was no case of engine failure and no breakage of sufficient importance to interrupt flying. On today's first lap the Avro Mail Carrier broke a flying wire, but continued the race. The wire was replaced during the hour's halt here, and the machine finished its course. Mr Mayers, in his Comper Swift, also completed the course, but failed to cross the finishing line in flight, and his engine was not fit for another take-off to rectify that error.

Such consistency in the result of two days of racing affords gratifying proof of the trustworthiness of the aeroplanes and engines, but it also makes it clear that a few machines had been handicapped too heavily or too lightly. At either end of the scale were machines of better or poorer performance than the handicaps indicated. The winner appears to have been handicapped on an assumed speed of at least 10 miles an hour less than he actually made, while the scratch machine failed to reach its handicap speed by a margin of about five miles an hour. The Prince of Wales's Swift made about eight miles an hour better than the handicap expected of it.

The winning machines were closely inspected for undeclared modifications after the race, and their survival of that examination proves the matter to have been one of calculating the aerodynamic effects of new features. In the winner's case, the removal of the petrol tank from the centre section of the Fox Moth's upper wing appears to have improved its lines greatly.

The official timing of the second machine across the line this evening gave Captain Hope a bigger lead than in fact he held at the end of the race. Flight Lieutenant Fielden flew wide on the finishing line when he arrived, and could not, of course, be informed of this until he had landed. He took off again and flew over the line. The original error cost him 3min 40sec, so that he might have reduced the winner's margin to little more than 29 minutes and he might have led the third man by 16 minutes. In the course of today's racing, in which he started twenty-first, he reduced Captain Hope's start by 45 minutes and gained 30 minutes on Mr Runciman's Puss Moth. He passed five Puss Moths, four Moths, and two Swifts fitted with lighter engines.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

JOAN OF ARC OF MONGOLIA: Western ladies travelling through Mongolia succumb to the charms of a nomadic tribe. Eccentric blend of fiction and documentary from German director Ulrike Ottinger.
National Film Theatre (071-928 3232).

◆ **TOO HOT TO HANDLE (15):** Charmless, interminable romantic comedy about playboy Alec Baldwin's on-off relationship with lounge singer Kim Basinger. Written by Neil Simon. Director, Jerry Rees.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Warner (071-439 0791)

CURRENT

LA CAPTIVE DU DESERT (PG): Raymond Depardon's existential study of a European woman held hostage by an African tribe. Beautiful to behold, but aggravating.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

CLASS ACTION (15): Gene Hackman and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio as father and daughter fighting opposite sides of a lawsuit. Fine acting; awkward script. Director, Michael Apted.
Plaza (071-497 9999).

DEFENDING YOUR LIFE (PG): Albert Brooks as your average neurotic American, put on trial in the afterlife. Dawdling, flimsy comedy, with Meryl Streep. Brooks also directs.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

F FOR FAKE: Welcome revival of Orson Welles's 1973 frolic about forgery and the nature of truth in art. Fast, furious, and delightfully impish.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

LA GLOIRE DE MON PERE (U): Episodic gallop through Marcel Pagnol's childhood memories — decent, nostalgic, but excessively warm-hearted. Director, Yves Robert.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

THE HAIRDRESSER'S HUSBAND (15): A slim tale of romantic obsession, mesmerisingly told by the director of *Monsieur Hire*, Patrice Leconte. With Jean Rochefort, Anna Galiena.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Gate (071-727 4043) Metro (071-437 0757).

JULES ET JIM (PG): Truffaut's classic 1962 portrait of a triangular relationship, frisky and tragic by turns. Starring Jeanne Moreau, Oskar Werner.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

THE KING OF NEW YORK (18): Christopher Walken as a ruthless hoodlum with style. Energetic thriller that finally gets out of hand; director, Abel Ferrara.
Cannons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631).

◆ **L.A. STORY (15):** Steve Martin's weatherman finds true love in wacky Los Angeles. Whirlwind fantasy comedy that just misses the mark. With Victoria Tennant; director, Mick Jackson.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆**MISERY (18):** Oscar-winner Kathy Bates as the number one fan tormenting a best-selling novelist (James Caan). Sprightly thriller from Stephen King's novel; director, Rob Reiner.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ **THE NAKED GUN 2½ — THE SMELL OF FEAR (12):** Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous dead-pan comedy. With Priscilla Presley; director, David Zucker.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

NOT WITHOUT MY DAUGHTER (12): Sally Field as an all-American wife trying to escape the Ayatollah's Iran. Earnest drama, peopled by puppets. With Alfred Molina; director, Brian Gilbert.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999).

RIFF-RAFF (15): Marvellous, scruffy "slice of life" portrait of a building-site crew from director Ken Loach.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

◆ **THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS (18):** Jodie Foster's FBI trainee confronts Anthony Hopkins, evil incarnate. Intense, highly polished, and repellent thriller from Jonathan Demme.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Chelsea (071-352 5096) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THESE FOOLISH THINGS (PG): Bertrand Tavernier's chamber piece about a dying father (Dirk Bogarde) tended by his daughter (Jane Birkin). Somewhat arch, but tender.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD (PG): E.M. Forster novel about the English abroad; amusing, pretty, but unsatisfactory. Starring Helena Bonham Carter and Rupert Graves. Directed by Charles Sturridge.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

SPECIAL EVENT

CAMBRIDGE FILM FESTIVAL: Festivities open with the female road movie *Thelma & Louise*, and close on July 28 with the first British screening of the Coen Brothers' bizarre Hollywood drama *Barton Fink*, which scooped the top prizes at Cannes. In between comes assorted new releases, including John Singleton's black ghetto drama *Boyz 'n the Hood*, Stephen Poliakoff's *Close My Eyes*, and the anti-drug thriller *New Jack City*.
Cambridge Arts Cinema, 8 Market Passage, Cambridge (0223 352001).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
▨ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

▨ **THE CARETAKER:** Donald Pleasence in Pinter's classic tussle between a tramp and two brothers.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

▨ **CARMEN JONES:** Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **DEATH AND THE MAIDEN:** Juliet Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Paterson superb in Chilean political drama.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1. (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ **DICKENS' WOMEN:** Spirited, skilful tour of the funny, the fey and the gargoyles by Miriam Margolyes
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats 4pm, Sun, 3pm. 120mins.

☐ **DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER:** Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE KING AND I:** Susan Hampshire returns with David Yip.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE LAST DAYS OF DON JUAN:** Sexual thuggery in Seville: handsome but unfocused version.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.30pm. 165mins.

☐ **MATADOR:** The rise of The Boy from Nowhere: great dancing and sets but a weak second half.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 150mins.

▨ **THE MISER:** Charles Kay, Eleanor Bron in needlessly dour production by Steven Pimlott.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat 2pm. 165mins.

▨ **NAPOLI MILIONARIA:** Ian McKellen a striking figure in Eduardo de Filippo's richly textured, end-of-war drama.
Lyttelton (National) (as above). Tonight, 7.30pm. 175mins.

☐ **NUTMEG AND GINGER:** Gentle Julian Slade musical from a Jacobean comedy about a star-struck apprentice.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

☐ **THE PHILANTHROPIST:** Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ **THE REHEARSAL:** Ian McDiarmid's stylish production of Anouilh's tale of cruel seduction.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-379 6107) Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins. Final week.

☐ **THE ROSE TATTOO:** Julie Walters in Tennessee Williams's heated but joyful celebration of sex.
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TODAY'S EVENTS

DUTCH NATIONAL BALLET: A short visit by Holland's leading ballet company, last seen here in 1984, brings the British premiere of Rudi van Dantzig's *Romeo and Juliet*, created in 1967 and recently adapted by him for a cast of 80 (see review, right).
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

BEYOND JAPAN: As part of the Japan Festival 1991, the Barbican launches a mixed media show using photographs, videos, posters and graphics to create a series of installations exploring the growth of Japan as a creative force. In the autumn the gallery plans a showing of contemporary Japanese oil paintings.
Barbican Art Gallery, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 4141), 10am-6.45pm, until September 22.

THE ROYAL ACADEMY 223RD SUMMER EXHIBITION: This year the mixture is very much as before. Colour is generally strong, traditional draughtsmanship to the fore, and abstract works are scattered among the rest of the exhibits.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438), 10am-6pm, until August 18.

KEITH JARRETT: Annual visit by the jazz pianist and composer, expert in melodic improvisation and the extended solo. His visit coincides with the release of a new album, *Paris Concert*.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

NEW LONDON ORCHESTRA: Ronald Corp conducts young violinist Tasmin Little in works by Bartók (*Divertimento*), Barber (Violin Concerto), Copland (*Music for the Movies*) and Kodaly (*Dances from Galánta*).
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), 7.30pm.

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The celebrated jazz and blues singer Cab Calloway joins the LSO for the opening of the "Nikkodo LSO Summer Pops". Laurie Holloway conducts.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm.

PIMLICO OPERA: The company's fully staged production of Verdi's *Falstaff*, directed by Stephen Langridge and conducted by Wasfi Kani. Glyn Paul takes the lead, with Nicola Tibella as Mrs Ford and Gerard Quinn as her jealous husband.
Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-723 5535), 7pm.

LIFT: Soviet director Lev Dodin brings two Maly Theatre productions from Leningrad. Opening tonight is *Gaudeamus*, a new piece about the lives of new military recruits in the Russian Army and the moral decay of Soviet autocracy. On July 18, *Brothers and Sisters*, his epic dramatisation of Fyodor Abramov's trilogy of novels set during the 1940s, opens at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (081-748 3354), *Gaudeamus*, 7.30pm, until July 16.

PLATFORM 1: Keyboard players Graham Fitkin and Shelagh Sutherland join members of the Smith Quartet (two violins, viola and cello) in a minimalist programme comprising Fitkin's *Slow*, Steve Reich's *Different Trains* and Kevin Volans's *White Man Sleeps*.
Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street, London WC2 (071-836 3334/8362132), 8pm.

CELIA CRUZ AND THE TITO PUENTE ORCHESTRA: The "Silk Cut City Jazz" tour gets underway in Manchester in Latin-American style with Cuban diva Celia Cruz and percussionist/bandleader Tito Puente. The tour will traverse Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow and London from now until September. Other artists include Courtney Pine, Kenny Kirkland, Branford Marsalis, Charnett Moffett and Marvin "Smitty" Smith.
International 2, Manchester (061-273 8834), 7.30pm.

KRAFTWERK: The founders of electro-robotic pop, Ralf Hutter and Florian Schneider, begin an eight-date British tour, touting a remixed version of their old hits, *The Mix*.
Barrowlands, 244 Gallowgate, Glasgow (041-552 4601), 7.30pm.

Farce in a laugh-free zone

DONALD COOPER

In search of wit: Helen Mirren, John Levitt (centre) and Kenneth Colley

THEATRE

Sex Please, We're Italian!
Young Vic

WHEN I reviewed *No Sex Please, We're British* in 1971, I committed myself to the view that so fatuous a farce could not run more than a week. The play then proceeded to delight a hundred thousand charabancs for nearly two decades. So maybe I am doing a favour to this, its second cousin twice removed, by saying it is hard to see how the Young Vic could bring itself to stage so witless an effort.

Farce thrives on danger, insecurity, dismay, terror. Its characters risk moral annihilation if their disreputable secrets are discovered. Ideally, they should end up playing a sort of bug-eyed brinkmanship somewhere between panic and disaster. This is something that Tom Kempinski, author of *Sex Please*, seems intellectually to recognise. That is why he sets his play deep in the bishopric of Naples, and specifically in Rosetta Borsi's house, where candles always burn in front of the Virgin on the television set.

There are dark secrets to be kept, too, at least from outsiders. In defiance of Catholic pretension, gleeful but surreptitious sex appears to be the centre of the local enterprise culture. Rosetta's son, Enzo, is hastily marrying Apollonia, whom he is alleged to have impregnated. It then emerges that the village priest may be the father of them both. Enzo transfers his emotional allegiance to the local whore, who may also be his half-sister. With the Bishop of Naples in town to snoop out sin, there is plenty of opportunity for Kempinski's script and David Thacker's direction to generate the nervous tension farce needs.

Why, then, did last night's audience sit po-faced through most of the performance? Perhaps because Kempinski lacked the inventiveness and guile to exploit what should have been spiralling evasions and embarrassments. Perhaps because the palpably English cast, with its ice-cream-stall accents, failed to create any sense of Catholic taboo. Perhaps because John Levitt's Bishop hadn't the size and authority to inspire fear or even respect, and anyway ended up threatening nothing worse than "some serious discussions with you over the next few days". That is the voice, not of the south Italian inquisition, but of the Tavistock Clinic.

Helen Mirren's Rosetta has brassy charisma and energy galore. Most of the supporting cast, Kenneth Colley and Mossie Smith prime among them, ride the play as if it was a Derby winner instead of a lame nag inexplicably emerged from the glue factory. Certainly, they fail to justify the earnest claims in the programme. The author and his apologists would like to believe that the play is: a) an attack on "hypocrisy and superstitious religion"; b) an exposé of the subterfuges "to which the disadvantaged and powerless resort when faced by power whether of the church or society in general"; and c) an example of Kempinski's "lucid feminism", with the strong, resourceful Mirren at the centre.

As Kempinski's characters might say in their braggadocio: what a load-a nuts and old-a cobblers. What he would like to think life-affirming comes across either as makeweight farce or as mildly coarse smut. Thus to have sex becomes to "drop his cucumber into the lettuce". People have "knockers like cannon balls" and "a pee-pee so small it's not like a sausage, it's like a little olive". It was not just ice-cream bought during the interval which left a poor taste in my mouth.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DANCE

Romeo and Juliet
Coliseum

RUDI van Dantzig's production of the Prokofiev *Romeo and Juliet* is probably the most clear and logical I have ever seen in its dramatic detail and development. It has been brought to London by the Dutch National Ballet, for one week only, as a tribute to its choreographer as he retires as artistic director. One thing to be said emphatically is that he hands over the company, after 20 years in charge, infinitely stronger than he found it.

In Jane Lord's sensitive but highly spirited Juliet, Rachel Beaugean's portrait of Lady Capulet as a plucky, caring wife and mother, in the trio of Barry Watt, Clint Farha and Wim Broeckx as Romeo, Tybalt and Mercutio, it has dancers to hold their own in any comparison. Besides, these are only the first of three casts to be seen here, and they head a strong ensemble.

After the disappointed report I brought back from Van Dantzig's and the company's first attempt at the ballet in 1967, it is not only the level of performance that makes me eat my words. The handsome, dark architectural settings by Toer van Schayk are also improved out of recognition, and this time the music (which was played on tape for that first production, with disastrous effect) has a lively and polished performance from the Dutch Ballet Orchestra in an unusually full version of the score: the performance lasts for three hours with only one interval.

The impression is that Van Dantzig has substantially rethought, reworked and enriched his production this time round. Yet I have to confess also that, given the improvement in presentation, I am now won over by several details that niggled originally.

The virtues of Van Dantzig's staging are those which illuminate all his best ballets: firm grasp of character, meticulous care for detail and a passionate concern for life. The love story burns brighter for being set so clearly in a concerned family and a society where the small characters and the crowds (including a bunch of street-urchin children used as a chorus for emphasis) all have their lives to lead, as important to them as the brawling overlords. The carnival, for instance, usually a series of set numbers, becomes a real public celebration.

See it but be warned: Van Dantzig's sense of the theatre may leave the audience dissatisfied on later occasions with more famous stagings of this ballet.

JOHN PERCIVAL

ROCK

Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark
Hammersmith Odeon

THE St John ambulance, parked expectantly outside Hammersmith Odeon, had a lonely night of it. OMD fans are a sensible-cardiganed assemblage little given to the vapours. In this respect they are like OMD themselves — or, rather, OMD himself, given that keyboardist Paul Humphreys has long since left bassist Andy McCluskey to it. As a onesome, McCluskey is dedicated to the preservation of bright, unpretentious electropop. The gig (which McCluskey played uncardiganed) was an evocation of an era when synthesizer music had yet to be transformed by the demon sampler.

In fact, it was almost as though the last decade and its immense changes to dance music had never happened. Perhaps for McCluskey they didn't. After OMD's first run of hits dried up in 1984, the collective unconscious confined the group to a grim limbo tenanted by Heaven 17 and other 1981 synth-relics. The prevailing sentiment seems to have rubbed off on McCluskey. All of his new songs could have been written ten years ago.

Take the opener, "Sugar Tax". It is generic OMD: a simplistic keyboard figure overlaid by a perksome tune and gulping, poignant vocal from McCluskey. "Sailing on the Seven Seas", the recent hit, is the same, only more so. Its irritatingly tinny snare-drum refrain sounded even tinnier at the back of the Odeon.

With three session players in the shadows producing the music, McCluskey was free to be a front man. He was an attractive, amiable figure who danced as one fuelled by inhibition-demolishing quantities of alcohol. Aw-shucks comments such as "I'm not so nervous now" elicited affectionate cheers from the sell-out crowd.

The OMD hits catalogue was comprehensively rifled. Such songs as "Messages" and "Enola Gay", in their day precedent-setters, have weathered remarkably well. If McCluskey was champing at the bit to get through them and on to the new stuff, his impatience was imperceptible. If the audience felt vice versa, they were polite enough to applaud when the singer announced, "Here's a new song — but don't worry, it's fantastic."

Since last hearing from OMD, the pop charts have changed to accommodate House, Kylie and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Time will tell whether OMD can reclaim their niche.

CAROLINE SULLIVAN

JAZZ

Rebirth Brass Band
Jazz Café

NEW Orleans used to be thought of as a city of the past, a fascinating place for a nostalgic ramble, but by no means at the cutting edge. How that has changed. The most encouraging element of the revival has been the upsurge of new marching bands, full of young players who overturn the notion that processions are the preserve of toothless octogenarians from Preservation Hall.

The Dirty Dozen Brass Band has set the pace since the Seventies. By adding a funk-influenced beat to the established recipe, the group has developed into one of the most vibrant live acts in the whole of popular music. A number of younger rivals are now snapping at their heels. Among them is the Rebirth Brass Band, a swaggering, devil-may-care group whose bubbling ensemble style does not stray quite as far from the traditional polyphony of New Orleans jazz.

Ideally, the musicians need to be seen in their proper environment, on the streets. That, presumably, will have to wait until they move on to the festival circuit later in their tour. While the Dirty Dozen have made an immaculate transition to mainstream venues, Rebirth's members at first looked slightly uncomfortable on the Jazz Café's stage. In the maelstrom of activity, the overall sound was muddy at times, and one or two of the soloists might have benefited from extra amplification.

But these are quibbles. Rebirth offers irresistible entertainment, with the sousaphone pumping out indefatigable bass lines above the infectious tattoo of the snare drum. Barely pausing for breath, the horns career from a Satchmo pastiche on "Back o' Town Blues" to an intoxicating version of Herbie Hancock's jazz-funk riff, "Chameleon".

The players make no claims to be virtuosos. The Band's strength lies in the collective surge of enthusiasm and energy. Who needs technocrats with music as joyous as this?

CLIVE DAVIS

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WORD-WATCHING

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TEAPOY
(c) A small three-legged table or stand, from the Hindi *tir-* three + Persian *pai* a foot, misunderstood by the Raj as if it had to do with tea: "Two rows of chairs, with teapoys between them to hold the cups of the guests."

TELEDU
(c) The stinking badger of Java and Sumatra, *Mydaus javanensis*, allied to the skunk, the Javanese name: "The entire neighbourhood of a village is infected by the odour of an irritated teledu."

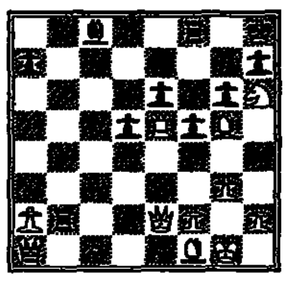
LEGER
(b) A Londoner who bought coal or charcoal from the country at so much per sack, and resold it at the same price in smaller sacks, possibly from the French *léger* light: "I have been a leger in my time in London, for which cause the pillory hath eaten off both my ears."

CONSPURCATION
(a) Defilement, from the Latin *conspurcare* to befoul: "For so odious a conspurcation of our holy profession."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Garcia Perez — van der Wiel, Holland 1990. White ended the game with two powerful moves. Can you see what he played?



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PLAYHOUSE BO & cc 071-839 4401 cc First Call 24hr 071 379 9463 (no bkg fee) PETER HALL COMPANY JULIE WALTERS in "THE PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR" LBC TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THE ROSE TATTOO "Peter Hall's haunting & heart-breakingly hilarious production" S Times Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat at 3 MI GROUP PLAYHOUSE

PRINCE OF WALES BO 071 839 5972 CC 24hr 7 Day 836 3464 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 793 1000 Grps 930 6123 ASPECTS OF LOVE "ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S BEST" D.Tel Lyrics by DON BLACK & CHARLES HART Directed by TREVOR NUNN Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.0 NOW BOOKING TO APRIL 1992

PRINCE EDWARD 071 734 8951 First call (24hrs,7 day cc No bkg fee) 836 3464 cc (No bkg fee) 379 4444/793 1000 Groups 071 240 7941 MIKE BATT'S THE HUNTING OF THE SNARK THE MUSICAL Prevs from 8 Oct opens 24 Oct

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ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY LONDON 071 638 8891 cc Mon-Sun 9am-8pm BARBICAN THEATRE THE SEAGULL Today 2.00 & 7.00 THE PIT: THE LAST DAYS OF DON JUAN Today 2.00 & 7.30 STRATFORD UPON AVON 0789 295623 cc Mon-Sat 9am-8pm ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE TWELFTH NIGHT Today 1.30 & 7.30. Tomor 7.30 THE SWAN: THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA Today 1.30 & 7.30. Tomor 7.30 Meal/Ticket/Hotel package 0789 414999. RSC's 24hr cc box office (bkg fee) 071 497 9977

SADLER'S WELLS 071-278 8916 SUSAN HAMPSHIRE DAVID YIP in Rodgers & Hammerstein's THE KING AND I "MAGIC" D. Mail "SUMPTUOUS" Times "ELEGANT" D. Exp Eves 7.30. Sat mats 2.30 credit cards (bkg fee Fri & Sat perfs only) 793 1000/379 4444 LAST 4 PERFS!

SHAFTESBURY cc 071 379 5399 cc (no bkg fee) 071 379 4444 cc Grps 071 836 6878 GRAND HOTEL The Musical THE AWARD-WINNING BROADWAY MUSICAL OPENS 7TH SEPTEMBER

VAUDEVILLE BO & CC 836 9987 24hr cc 836 2428 & 793 1000 (no fee) 379 4444 (bkg fee) Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30 "THE IRRESISTIBLE DORA BRYAN" Times in 70, GIRLS, 70 The Kander and Ebb Musical "A RUNAWAY WINNER...A PARTY NOBODY WANTS TO LEAVE" Daily Mail

ST MARTIN'S 071-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 39th Year of Agatha Christie's THE MOUSETRAP

VICTORIA PALACE 071 834 1317 CC 071-379 4444/240 7200 071-793 1000 (bkg fee) Groups 071 930 6123 BUDDY The Buddy Holly Story "BRILLIANT" Sun BUDDY "WONDERFUL STUFF" Sun Tel BUDDY "SHEER UNADULTERATED FUN... I LOVE THIS SHOW" Sun Exp BUDDY Mon-Thur 8.00 Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.30 ALL SEATS ½ PRICE FRIDAY 5.30 PERF 2nd SENSATIONAL YEAR NOW BOOKING TO APR 4th 1992

WYNDHAMS THEATRE B.O. 867 1116 cc 867 1111/379 4444 (no bkg fee) 497 9977 (24hrs) 793 1000 (bkg fee) Grps 240 7941 EDWARD FOX "gives a great haunting comic performance" S. Times TIM BROOKE-TAYLOR in THE PHILANTHROPIST by Christopher Hampton "as witty and stimulating as ever" Times Kenneth Ives' production "streaks into the unmissable category" Ind on Sun. Evgs Mon-Fri 8.00, Mat Thurs 3.00, Sats 5.00 & 8.30

CONCERTS

CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL 7 - 24 JULY 1991 T'DAY 1.05pm St. Mary Woolnoth, Special Guest. 1.05pm Bishopsgate Hall Endymion Ensemble. 6.30pm St. Paul's Cathedral, Organ Recital Piet Kee. 7.30pm. Drapers' Hall, Gaudier Ensemble. 7.30pm Stationers Hall Quintet from E.C.O./Frankl. 7.45pm Barbican Hall, Cab Calloway/LSO. T'ROW 1.05pm Bishopsgate Hall Endymion Ensemble. 5.55pm St. Michael's Church Organ Recital/Jonathan Rennert. 7.30pm Merchant Taylor's Hall, City of London Sinfonia/Hickox/Galford /Kantorow. 7.30pm Chapel of St. Peter Ad Vincula/Choir of Chapel Royal/Sentances /Phillips. 7.45pm Barbican Hall Arturo Sandoval/LSO.

CINEMAS

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St. off Charing Cross Rd 071 240 9661 Orson Welles as CITIZEN KANE (U) Progs at 12.45 (not Sun), 3.15, 5.15 & 8.25 Last Week From Fri IN THE REALM OF THE SENSES (18)

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News

9.05 Pinocchio. Animated adventures of the wooden puppet **9.25 Hartbeat.** Offbeat approaches to art (r)

10.00 News, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays** (r) **10.30 Double Dare.** Peter Simon persuades four contestants to complete the messy obstacle course (r)

11.00 News, regional news and weather **11.05 Peaceable Kingdom.** Lindsay Wagner stars as the Los Angeles zoo-keeper, trying to save her herd of bison (r). Wales: Llangollen '91 **11.55 The Travel Show Traveller.** Andy Crane visits Magalut in Majorca (r)

12.00 News, regional news; weather **12.05 The Yukon Passage.** Almost a century after the original Klondike gold rush, four young men follow in the footsteps of the original prospectors **12.55 Regional news** and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News and weather **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax)

1.50 Summer Journey: The Bristol Channel Coast. New series charting Angela Rippon's journey along the coast of Somerset and North Devon. Wales: Llangollen '91. Ends at 3.00 **2.20 The Great North Road.** Lucinda Lambton explores the Great North Road, the backbone of Britain linking London to Edinburgh (r). (Ceefax)

3.00 Cricket: NatWest Trophy. Live coverage of a second round match in the NatWest Bank one-day competition

4.00 Red and Blue Double Bill. Cartoons **4.10 The All New Popeye Show.** Cartoon (r) **4.30 Bluebirds.** The final episode of the children's drama (r)

5.00 Newsround 5.05 Record Breakers (r)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather

6.30 Regional news magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Top of the Pops presented by Bruno Brookes. Simultaneous broadcast in stereo on Radio 1

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax)

8.00 Bellamy Rides Again: The Sulphur Cycle.

● CHOICE: Green (environmentally speaking) from the start of this six-part series, David Bellamy turns dirty grey in tonight's instalment. Laid out on a slab in a Neapolitan steam room, his familiar flesh gradually vanishes under a layer of volcanic mud. "Sulphur!" he cries in ecstasy as the steam rises like incense. "Part of the breath of life itself!". As in all Edens, however, there is a serpent. More accurately, there are sulphur-gobbling bacteria in the mud. They help create sulphur dioxide — a basic element of the dreaded acid rain. Not everything in tonight's film is as readily comprehensible as Bellamy's statement that if it wasn't for the sulphur in his joints, he would not be the gesticulating fellow we all know and (almost all of us) love.(Ceefax)

8.30 On The Up. Lame sitcom from Bob Larbey about self-made millionaire Tony Carpenter (Dennis Waterman) (r) (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Russ Abbot

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with John Humphrys. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather

9.30 Open All Hours. Roy Clarke's classic comedy about a miserly northern shopkeeper. Starring Ronnie Barker and David Jason (r). Northern Ireland: Greenfingers

A shining operatic career: Dame Joan Sutherland (10.00pm)

10.00 Omnibus: A Portrait of Dame Joan Sutherland.

● CHOICE. Derek Bailey's film about the life and operatic times of Joan Sutherland begins with one sun coming out, the early edition of the *Herald and Melbourne Sun* announcing the diva's farewell performance at the Sydney Opera House, and another sun, Sutherland, going in. Intentional or not, it is a clever way to set the biographical ball rolling, and from that moment on and for the next hour and a half, it never stops — the young Sutherland being taught not to move like a "lump", learning how to fall properly, jacking up her vocal range by four notes, conquering Covent Garden, devastating La Scala, keeping her head when all around her are losing theirs ("she's amazing! . . . "she's fantastic!" . . . "she's a national treasure!" . . . "she's a fair dinkum lady!"). And if you have tears to shed, reserve them for the concluding minutes in which La Stupenda bids adieu to Covent Garden with *Home Sweet Home*

11.30 HeartBeat. Last of the American dramas set in a women's medical clinic **12.20am Weather**

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Genetics — Patterns of Development. Ends at **7.10**

8.00 News 8.15 Westminster. A round up of yesterday's business from the Houses of Commons and Lords

9.00 The River Keeper. One year in the life of Bernard Aldrich, once river keeper to Lord Mountbatten, now in charge of a stretch of the River Test in the Broadlands (r)

9.50 The Smallest Theatre. A converted cowshed in the wilds of Scotland houses the theatre of Barrie and Marianne Hesketh (r)

10.20 Cricket: NatWest Trophy. Tony Lewis introduces the live coverage of a second round game in the NatWest Bank Trophy. With commentary by Jack Bannister, Tom Graveney and Ray Illingworth

12.55 The Bike Brothers. The Taylor brothers' hand-built tandems are highly regarded and their business thrives, despite using virtually no technology (r)

1.20 PC Pinkerton. Cartoon (r) **1.25 Penny Crayon.** Animation (r)

1.35 Cricket: NatWest Trophy. Second-round coverage. Including news and weather at **2.00**

3.00 News and weather followed by **Westminster Live.** Prime minister's questions **3.50 News,** regional news and weather

4.00 Cricket: NatWest Trophy. Further coverage

7.30 Business Matters: The Saints and the Profits.

● CHOICE. Small wonder they decided to launch an ethics course at a Philadelphia business school. One of its most celebrated pupils, Michael Milkin, king of junk bonds, is serving a sentence for fraud. How to create an atmosphere of mutual trust when the fruits of dishonesty are so tempting? And what price conscience when an insurance company accountant can be sacked for telling the Inland Revenue that his bosses had not paid tax on a £3 million deal? Martin Young's report on business ethics shows that not all firms have a formal code of conduct. JVC's Glasgow plant relies on the "one big happy family" culture. And Woolworths, believing that trust begets trust, has publicly demonstrated its credo by sewing pockets back on the jackets of staff uniforms

8.00 Italian Regional Cookery. The cuisine of northwest Italy, including Milanese dishes and visits to Lombardy, Piedmonte and the Alps d'Aosta. Presented by Valentina Harris (r). (Ceefax)

8.30 On the Line. Ray Stubbs and Anna Walker look at the proposed FA super league and, in conjunction with the Football Supporters' Association and the Sir Norman Chester research centre at Leicester university, try to discover what the fans think with the results of an extensive nationwide survey

9.00 The Travel Show. Mairi Maciver visits the scenic splendour of Austria's Carinthian lake region, and the UK Mini-Guide focuses on Tenby and the Pembroke coastline of Wales

Smiling at her fate: a Hamar woman and her child (9.30pm)

9.30 Under the Sun: The Women Who Smile. A portrait of the women of the traditional Hamar community in the remote, semi-arid southwest corner of Ethiopia. The Hamar say that "Barjo" or fate creates all things. In the beginning two people were created. One of them smiled and so became a woman. The other did not, keeping his mouth shut, therefore becoming a man. Thus a woman becomes a woman because she smiles. In this programme three young Hamar women — a young widow, an unmarried woman and a senior *co-wife* — each at a different stage of life, tell their stories.(r). (Ceefax)

10.20 City Shorts: Oranges and Lemons. A young Nigerian woman (Olusola Oyeleye) with a passion for English history takes a casual job at the Tower of London, something of an eye-opener for her. Written by Kay Adshead and directed by David Yates

10.30 Newsnight with John Simpson

11.15 Cricket: NatWest Trophy. Highlights of a second round match

11.55 Weather

12.00 Weekend Outlook. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes

12.05am Open University: Technology — Power to the People. Ends at **12.35**

ITV

6.00 TV-am

9.25 All Clued Up. Game show for married couples, hosted by David Hamilton **9.55 Thames News** and weather

10.00 Out of This World. American sitcom about earth-bound aliens

10.30 This Morning. Family magazine series

12.10 The Riddlers. Children's puppet series (r)

12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather. **1.10 Thames News** and weather

1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice**

Careering at speed: Nigel Mansell, Mavis Nicholson (2.20pm)

2.20 Mavis Catches Up With . . . Nigel Mansell.

● CHOICE. It takes some doing, in a manner of speaking, for Mavis Nicholson, or anybody else, to catch up with one of the fastest men on wheels. The only time we see interviewer and racing driver travelling at the same speed today is when they share the back seat of the car taking them both to Donington Park, where Mansell will cast his expert eye over five drivers with high grand prix potential. Nicholson's interview with the man whose retirement from racing lasted only three months concentrates (as most of her interviews do, and very effectively, too) on family influences, ambitions and mortality. As to the minutiae of fame, something else Nicholson is good at, there is the calm she unexpectedly finds in the eyes of the celebrity whose spectacular crashes, in montage, get this relaxed interview off to a disastrous start

2.50 Crazy Comparisons. Game show hosted by Chris Tarrant

3.15 News 3.20 Thames News 3.25 The Young Doctors

3.55 Scooby Doo 4.15 Disney's Duck Tales 4.40 Fun House (r)

5.10 Thames Action. Introduced by consumer adviser Jacqui King. A viewer from Clapham finds out just who really does make money from so-called "charity" T-shirts

5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather

5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley looks at street hockey

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)

6.30 Thames News and weather

7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle)

7.30 Survival — The First 30 Years: A Dream of Mermaids. A documentary examining the plight of the Florida manatee, a large aquatic mammal (r). (Oracle)

8.00 The Bill: Reputations. Pacy police action with the Sun Hill constabulary. Evidence points to Gary Morgan in a jewel robbery, but he swears it is a fit-up and even the sceptical Burnside believes him. So who is trying to make an innocent man look guilty? (Oracle)

8.30 This Week. In this last of the series a doctor and a headmaster challenge politicians on two of the issues that continue to worry the voters — the National Health Service and the state of our schools. Among those taking part are MPs Teresa Gorman, Jack Straw and Alan Beith (Oracle)

9.00 LA Law. Glossy American legal drama. Kuzak is as bewildered as the prosecution when he defends a client with multiple personalities. (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather

10.40 The City Programme previews next week's G7 summit meeting in London and has an item on financing school fees

11.10 01. Includes a review by Lindsay Duncan of the film *Thelma and Louise*

11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H

12.30am Contacts. Television's answer to the personal column

1.00 In the Heat of the Night. Chief Gillespie and the Sparta police force investigate a series of burglaries and discover that some of the town's teenagers are resorting to robbery to pay for drugs

2.00 Film: Lonelyhearts Club (1987) starring Jean-Paul Comart and Francis Perrin. Two old friends run into each other in Paris. Bernard has come there to make one last attempt at reconciliation with his wife before their divorce. Nicolas is there to see if he can find some new members for his lonelyhearts club. A French comedy of manners, directed by Michel Lang

4.00 Stand Up. More young comedians try to entertain insomniacs

4.30 America's Top Ten (r)

5.00 Videofashion. Menswear (r)

5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 The Great Space Race: The Earth Below. Jo Franklin-Trout examines the role of satellite technology in the affairs of the world, from the predicting of locust plagues to dissecting the dynamics of a hurricane

10.30 Flight Over Spain. Salamanca from the air (r). (Teletext)

11.00 As It Happens. Michael Groth visits last year's East of England Show and takes a look at the latest high-tech agricultural machinery (r)

12.00 The Parliament Programme. News and analysis from both Houses

12.30 Business Daily presented by Susannah Simons

1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school educational series, with guest Tracey Ullman (r)

2.00 On the March: The New US Frontier. The weekly scavenge through the archives of the cinema magazine *The March Of Time* contrasts old-style British colonialism with the new American imperialism in the south Pacific (r)

2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.10 races

4.30 Countdown. Another round of the words and numbers game hosted by Richard Whiteley

5.00 Laurel and Hardy. Adventures of the cartoon Stan and Ollie

5.05 The Oprah Winfrey Show: The Cinnamon Brown Murder Case. Winfrey interviews Cinnamon Brown, who at the age of 14 was convicted of the murder of her stepmother. She is now considered a victim since the real story has come to light — her father brainwashed her to commit the murder so that he could marry his wife's 17-year-old sister

6.00 The Marshall Chronicles. New American comedy series about modern teenage *angst*. Marshall Brightman (Joshua Rifkind) is a Manhattan teenager trying to deal ethically with a world that is seldom virtuous. In this pilot episode, Marshall tries in vain to win the heart of the girl of his dreams

6.30 Tour de France. Highlights of stage six — Arras to Le Havre — a distance of 215km

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather

7.50 Comment

8.00 Flowering Passions: A Month in the Country. Writer and journalist Anna Pavord presents a guide to choosing and growing flowers in the garden. Connie Franks, who has lived in her home at Steeple Aston for 75 years, shows off her cottage garden while Sophie Hughes displays her collection of cottage garden pinks — the flowers that bewitched weavers of medieval tapestries. (Teletext)

8.30 Rising Damp. Eric Chappell's hard-edged Seventies sitcom which brought popular acclaim to Leonard Rossiter as Rigsby, owner of a seedy boarding house. Ruth (Frances de la Tour) is given a fright by a nightprowler but when the police arrive, Rigsby comes under suspicion (r). (Teletext)

Displaying a manic lack of direction: Robert Lindsay (9.00pm)

9.00 G.B.H: Message Understood. Penultimate instalment of Alan Bleasdale's teasing drama, set in a northern city not a million miles from Liverpool. Michael Murray (Robert Lindsay) is still without his mother, his brother or any idea about what to do. Meanwhile the holiday cottage of Jim Nelson (Michael Palin) is being searched for missing pieces to the puzzle and Barbara Douglas (Lindsay Duncan) continues to play her own game (Teletext)

10.35 Fragile Earth: Kalahari — Wilderness Without Water. A documentary about the extremes of the Kalahari desert — searing heat, freezing cold and no standing water. Despite this a rich and diverse community of plants and animals has evolved, where scavengers rather than killers are the survivors. The brown hyena and honey badger have adapted to the fickle environment while the spotted hyena and the lion may barely escape starvation (r)

11.30 A Week in Politics — Late Sitting. Includes a discussion on the role of the monarchy in the British constitution. Among those taking part are Tony Benn, MP, Enoch Powell and constitutional expert Professor David Starkie

1.00am Tour de France. A repeat of the programme shown at 6.30. Ends at **1.30**

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters 6.25-7.00 News 10.45 Halfway to Heaven 11.15 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.10am Special Report 12.40 Donahue 1.35 First Affair 3.20 New Music 4.30 Coach 5.00-5.30 Yan Can Cook

BORDER

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Thursday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.35 Married . . . with Children 12.05am From Beyond the Grave 1.50 CinemAttractions 2.25 How Was It For You? 2.50 Gaelic Football 3.50-5.30 The Golden Falcon

CENTRAL

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbuster 6.25-7.00 Central News 7.30-8.00 1st Night 10.40 Central Lobby 11.10 The Sweeney 12.10am Dirty Dancing 12.40 The Law and Harry McGraw 1.35 Video View 2.05 Top Ten 2.35 Bhangra Beat 3.05 Raw Power 4.05 Jazz 5.00-5.30 Jobs

GRANADA

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 Celebration 11.10 Families 12.05am Film: From Beyond the Grave 1.50 CinemAttractions 2.25 How Was It For You? 2.50 Gaelic Football 3.50-5.30 Film: The Golden Falcon

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Press Your Luck 10.40 The West This Week 11.25-11.40 HTV Weekend Outlook

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Wales & Westminster 10.40 Face Value 11.10-11.40 Rugby Union Highlights (Wales v Queensland)

TSW

As London except: 3.20pm-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.45 Married...With Children 11.10 The Equalizer 12.05am Film: From Beyond the Grave 1.50 CinemAttractions 2.25 How Was It For You? 2.50 Gaelic Football 3.50-5.30 Film: The Golden Falcon

TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Music Makers 11.10 Prisoner 12.05am North and South 1.50 Water Skiing 2.50 Glastonbury Festival 5.00-5.30 Coast to Coast People

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Gardening Time 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Up Country 10.40 Riverside 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05am Film: From Beyond the Grave 1.50 CinemAttractions 2.25 How Was It For You? 2.50 Gaelic Football 3.50 Film: The Golden Falcon 5.25-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50-2.20pm Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20 Police Six 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.45 Windsurf 11.15 Breakthroughs 11.45 Pop Profile 12.05am Film: From Beyond the Grave 1.50 CinemAttractions 2.25 How Was It For You? 2.50 Gaelic Football 3.50-5.30 Film: The Golden Falcon

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Calendar Commentary 11.10 James Galway Invites 11.40 Film: Morons From Outer Space 1.20am Night Heat 2.20 Love, American Style 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 CinemAttractions 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

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Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Sesame Street 10.25 CricED 11.30 In The Realm of the Shark 12.30pm Newyddion 12.35 Cricad 12.45 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Check Out 2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket 4.30 Dennis 4.45 Kate and Allie 5.15 Cricad 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Cricad 7.05 Now You're Talking 7.30 Delweddau 8.00 Eisteddfod Rhyngwladol Llangollen 1991 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Y Bit A'R Betws 9.35 Tour de France 9.55 Kingdoms of the East 10.55 Rising Damp 11.30 A Week in Politics 1.00am Tour de France 1991 1.30 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 2.40pm Oireachtas Report 3.00 News followed by The Love Boat 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Carson's Law 5.15 Masterworks 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 6.30 Garda Patrol 6.40 European Folk Tales 7.00 Top of the Pops 7.30 Greenfingers 8.05 Matlock 9.00 News 9.20 Today Tonight 9.55 Lord That I May Walk 10.20 Cagney and Lacey 11.15 Your Very Good Health 11.30 News 11.40 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 3.10pm Bosco 3.40 SuperTed 3.50 Care Bears 4.15 The Count of Monte Cristo 4.40 Casper & Friends 5.05 Pixie and Dixie 5.15 Winners 6.05 Zorro 6.25 Home and Away 6.551 Nuacht 7.00 Transantarctica 7.30 Showjumping from Salthill 9.00 Murphy Brown 9.30 News followed by Knots Landing 10.25 Don't Wait Up 10.55 News 11.10-11.35 Oireachtas Report

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Playabout 9.00 Card Sharks 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 In Living Color 8.00 Full House 8.30 Murphy Brown 9.00 China Beach 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Designing Women 11.00 St Elsewhere 12.00 Night Court 12.30am The Miracle Planet 1.30 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.

5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 1.30am CBS News 2.30 Those Were The Days 3.30 CBS News 4.30 Financial Times Business Weekly

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase, incl at 8.40 Entertainment Tonight

10.00 Zits (1987): To raise money for their teacher's eye operation, five teenagers sell fake military secrets to the Russians

12.00 Chu Chu and the Philly Flash (1981): Comedy about two disparate characters who discover a briefcase full of stolen government papers

2.00pm Feds (1989): Two women try to get accepted into a male-dominated FBI training academy. Starring Rebecca DeMornay

4.00 Crossing Delancey (1988): Amy Irving stars as a Jewish woman whose matchmaker friend sets her up with a pickle seller

5.40 Entertainment Tonight

6.00 Iron Eagle II (1988): A veteran pilot is assigned to lead a joint Soviet/US mission to destroy a weapons centre in the Middle East. Starring Louis Gossett Jr

8.00 Electric Dreams (1984): Comedy about a love triangle between a man, a woman and a computer. Starring Lenny Van Dohlen and Virginia Madsen

9.40 Projector

10.00 Exorcist 2: The Heretic (1977): Regan is still possessed despite having been exorcised four years earlier

12.00 Armed Response (1986): A retired cop and his Vietnam veteran son determine to track down a valuable jade icon. Starring Lee Van Cleef and David Carradine

1.30am Red Dawn (1984): A small group of gun-toting teenagers saves the United States from invading Soviet forces. Starring Charlie Sheen and Patrick Swayze

3.55 Dog Day Afternoon (1975): Al Pacino robs a bank to pay for his male lover's sex-change operation. Ends at 5.55

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.15am The Last Hurrah (1958, b/w): A political boss seeks re-election for one last term as mayor. Starring Spencer Tracy

8.25 The Jolson Story (1946): Hollywood biopic of Al Johnson, star of *The Jazz Singer*

10.35 Casanova Brown (1944, b/w): A divorcee (Teresa Wright) discovers that she is pregnant by her former husband (Gary Cooper)

12.20pm In the Frame (1990): Ian McShane stars in an adaptation of Dick Francis's novel

2.15 The Detective (1954): Alec Guinness stars as G.K. Chesterton's sleuthing priest

4.15 The Magic Sword (1962): A young knight has to rescue a damsel in distress being held captive by an evil sorcerer and a dragon. Starring Basil Rathbone

6.15 Back to the Future 2 (1989): Marty McFly (Michael J. Fox) travels both forwards and backwards in time to protect his future children, and his own genesis

8.15 A Tiger's Tale (1987): A high school senior embarks on an affair with the divorcee mother of his former girlfriend. Starring C. Thomas Howell and Ann-Margaret

10.15 Star Trek V: The Final Frontier (1989): Captain Kirk and his crew boldly go where no man has gone before in their quest for God. Starring William Shatner

12.05am Privates on Parade (1983): A song-and-dance troupe entertain British soldiers in 1948 Singapore. Starring John Cleese and Denis Quilley

2.00 Sweet Hearts Dance (1988): A comedy drama in which a couple's love for each other begins to wane. Starring Susan Sarandon and Don Johnson

3.40 Moon Over Parador (1988): An American actor is forced to impersonate a recently deceased Latin American dictator. Starring Richard Dreyfuss. Ends at 5.20

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 2.00pm Australian Rugby League 4.00 Dressage from Goodwood 5.00 Kick-Boxing 6.00 Motorsport Review 7.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 8.00 Cricket 10.15 Golf Shoot-Out 12.00 Cricket

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite. 10.00am Tennis Gstaad 2.00pm Cycling Tour de France 3.30 Tennis Gstaad; Golf Scottish Open 6.00 Cycling Tour de France 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Mobil Motorsport 7.30 Athletics Lausanne 8.00 Mountain Bike 8.30 Tennis Gstaad 9.30 Cycling Tour de France 10.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite. 7.00am Copa America 1991 8.30 Motor Sport F3 9.00 Amateur Cycling 9.30 French Sport 10.00 Surfing Tour 10.30 Jet Ski Tour 11.00 Sailing 12.00 Copa America 1991 1.30pm Major League Baseball 3.30 Copa America 1991 5.00 Karate 6.00 Motor Sport Nascar 7.00 Indy Car 8.00 Copa America 1991 9.30 Inside Track 10.30 Women's Golf Open 11.20 Live Copa America 1991

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite. 10.00am Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 We're Cooking Now 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Style File 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Divorce Court 2.30 Lifestyle Plus 2.40 Dante 3.10 Remington Steele 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Tea Break 4.10 The Betty White Show 4.40 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite. Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) **6.55** Weather; News

7.00 Morning Concert: Tchaikovsky (Méditation); Luening (Lyric Scene); Borodin (Polovtsian Dances, Prince Igor)

7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Larsson (The Winter's Tale); Somervell (Clarinet Quintet); Grainger (Green Bushes, Passacaglia on an English Folksong); Chabrier (Menuet pompeux) **8.30** News

8.35 Composers of the Week: Beethoven. Serenade, Op 25 (James Galway, flute, Joseph Swensen, violin, Paul Neubauer, viola); Rondo in G, WoO 41 (Yehudi Menuhin, violin, Wilhelm Kempff, piano); String Trio in D, Op 9 No 2 (Anne-Sophie Mutter, violin, Bruno Giuranna, viola, Mstislav Rostropovich, cello)

9.35 Morning Sequence: Beethoven (The Creatures of Prometheus, overture and excerpts: New Philharmonia under Otto Klemperer); Schubert (Prometheus, D 674: Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritone, Gerald Moore, piano); Liszt (Prometheus: LPO under Georg Solti); Fauré (Air de Gaïa, Prométhée, Op 82: Monte Carlo Opera Orchestra under Roger Norrington, with Danielle Galland, soprano); Beethoven (Variations and Fugue in E flat, Op 35, Eroica: Emil Gilels, piano); Scriabin (Prometheus: Ambrosian Singers; LPO under Lorin Maazel, with Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano)

11.15 BBC Welsh SO under Rudolf Barshai performs Prokofiev (New Year's Eve Ball; Since We Met, War and Peace; Piano Concerto No 3 in C: Cécile Ousset); Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica)

1.00pm News

1.05 Saint-Saëns and Poulenc: Lowri Blake, cello, Caroline Palmer, piano, perform Saint-Saëns (Sonata No 1 in C minor, Op 32); Poulenc (Sonata) (r)

2.00 Aida: Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and Chorus under James Levine perform Guiseppe Verdi's four-act opera to a text by Antonio Ghislanzoni. Sung in Italian. With Aprile Millo, soprano, as Aida; Placido Domingo, tenor, as Radamès

4.40 Petersen String Quartet performs Berg (Quartet, Op 3); Mozart (Quartet in D minor, K 421)

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Tony Burton

7.00 News

7.05 New Voices

● CHOICE: To the relief of our nascent versifiers, Radio 3 has decided not to divest itself of the experimental role of patron of poetry which it assumed last year by recording, then transmitting, recitals of new work. *New Voices* became the launching pad for poets such as Simon Armitage and Michael Donaghy, unknowns no longer. Jamie McKendrick, Liverpool-born but Italy-nurtured, is the first new voice in the resumed series, and *The Sirocco Room*, into which he dips, is his first collection. As reader, his vocal range is narrow. As poet, his social horizon is environment-wide, and his images persist

7.30 Lichfield Festival 1991: Live from Lichfield Cathedral. Northern Sinfonia under Heinrich Schiff, cello, performs Mozart (Eine kleine Nachtmusik); John Casken (Cello Concerto — first UK performance). **8.10** Robert Saxton, this year's composer in residence at Lichfield, talks with Anthony Burton. **8.30** Robert Saxton (Music to Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ); Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A)

9.20 New German Organ Music: Sieghard Zitzmann plays Goldmann (Fantasia); Holger Buttkewitz (Five Pieces); Fritz Geissler (Fantasie)

10.00 Music in Our Time: Music Project, London, under Richard Bernas performs James Dillon (L'Ecran parfum — first UK broadcast); Christopher Fox (Leap Like the Heart — first UK broadcast); James Dillon (East 11th Street)

11.00 Bird Lives: In the third of six programmes on the American saxophonist Charlie Parker, the late Charles Fox examines the creation of the jazz style known as bebop in the early Forties (r)

11.30 News

11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Polish Romantics (r)

1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **8.58** Weather

9.00 News

9.05 Punters: Listeners report on a variety of issues

9.45 An Englishman in the Midi: Mutton. John P. Harris talks about living in a village in the south of France (2 of 6)

10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Jessica Holm discovers what prehistoric people ate for lunch; visits a garden in Cambridge which is home to half the British species of butterfly; and investigates the plight of the dragonfly

10.45 An Act of Worship (s)

11.00 New; Citizens (s)

11.25 Conversation Piece

● CHOICE: For a man who does not object to the label "Consensus Man", the Bishop of Coventry, the Rt Rev Simon Barrington-Ward is very much his own man when answering Sue MacGregor's questions. Six years after his appointment, he still sounds shocked by his experience of Synod venom and cabals, deplores our "grossly unjust society", warns against "brash forms of capitalism", does not see the underlying message of a vision of God as being exemplified in Christianity alone, and reiterates his support for the ordination of women. He also (uniquely among bishops?) still rides a bike

11.50 First Person: The Kindergarten of Life. Viki Jaye takes a New Age trip in the playgrounds of downtown California

12.00 News; You and Yours: Live from the Cheltenham Festival

12.25pm Quote . . . Unquote: Nigel Rees chairs the quotation games (s) (r) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to the South African poet and playwright Gcina Mhlophe

3.00-4.00 Prime Minister's Questions (FM only)

3.00 News; Cheatin' Heart (LW only): Maggie Shelvin's play takes a humorous look at the eternal love triangle in present-day Belfast. Fat Geraldine (Shelvin) discovers that her husband (Stephen Rea) is having an affair with her old school friend, the slim and confident Maura (Fiona Victory)

4.00 News **4.05** A Good Read (s)

4.30 Kaleidoscope: Liz Crowley reviews the Hungarian musical *Dr Heart* at the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester; there is a performance by the pianist Joanna McGregor; and Kip Meyers watches as the Los Angeles Poverty Department makes theatre with Britain's homeless (s)

5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report

6.30 King Street Junior: A Day at the Centre. The sixth of an eight-part comedy drama by Jim Eldridge (s) (r)

7.00 News **7.05** The Archers

7.20 The Hole in the Mint: Simon Fanshawe asks the Bank of England, the Royal Mint, men on the money markets and property developers if money really exists (s)

8.00 Analysis: Little Grey Cells. Peter Hennessy examines the influence and legacy of official think tanks

8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for disabled listeners

9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Full House, by Molly Keane (9 of 10)

11.00 The Blackburn Files: A Case of Whistle and Run. A routine marital case could be the last for the former pitman turned private investigator Stephen J. Blackburn (Finetime Fontayne) (s)

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 11.00 The Radio 1 Roadshow 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Let's Do Lunch 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.00 Top of the Pops (with BBC1) 7.30 Mark Goodier 9.00 Racism: Is it a Black and White Issue? Simon Bates chairs a live debate from Cheltenham as part of Radio Goes to Town 10.00 Johnnie Walker 12.00-4.00am Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.00 Martin Kelner 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jimmy's Cricket Team 7.30 Wally Whyton 9.00 Paul Jones 9.45 Writing Jokes in Bed: Bebe Daniels (1 of 2) 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Alex Lester with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 News and Sport; Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 The Health Show: The benefits and drawbacks of growing old. Tel: 0345 909 693, incl 11.00, 12.00 News; Sport 12.30pm Eater's Digest: Cheese. Ken Sykora examines the dishes and drinks which enhance Scotland's culinary reputation (1 of 6) 1.00 News and Sport; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.20 Music Mix, incl 2.00 News; Sport 2.30 World Service: International Call 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Racing from Newmarket: (3.40) Carroll Foundation July Cup 4.00 News; Sport 4.05 World Service: Assignment 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 Magic, Tricks and Lies: Persephone and the King of the Underworld 7.35 Noah's Ark: A play for children in two parts by Mervyn Peake 8.05 My Place: Gloucester's Docklands 8.30 Formula Five 9.00 Euromix 9.30 Up the Gods: The second half of the football play by John Walsh 10.00 News; Sport 10.10 Eastern Beat, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 Financial News 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Omnibus 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours Live 8.30 Network UK 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Good Books 9.30 John Peel 10.00 News 10.09 World Business Report Live 10.15 From Our Own Correspondent 10.30 The Farming World 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Assignment 11.30 Londres Midi 11.59 Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Foreign Parts 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 2 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook Live 3.30 Off the Shelf: Jonathan, Son of Jeremiah (4) 3.45 Recording of the Week 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Seven Seas 8.45 The Farming World 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian Live 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Global Concerns 11.20 Network UK 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Music Review 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The Musician's Musician 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Seven Seas 2.45 Global Concerns 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Foreign Parts 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Focus on Faith 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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NEXT DIRECTORY

Schools adviser resigns after attacks

By DAVID TYTLER
EDUCATION EDITOR

THE government's senior education adviser in charge of the flagship national curriculum aimed at improving educational standards resigned last night after heavy criticism from Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, backed up by John Major.

Mr Clarke's criticism of Duncan Graham, chairman and chief executive of the National Curriculum Council set up by the 1988 Education Reform Act, was that he had failed to deliver the revolution in standards demanded by the government. Mr Graham, appointed by Kenneth Baker, the then education secretary, in the year of the reforms is leaving by "mutual agreement", but it is clear that Mr Graham's departure is the first in a shake-up of the education department.

Mr Graham is the first of the senior government educational advisers to give up his job as politicians take control of education to deliver the hardline policy described by the prime minister last week. Mr Major said that he wanted to see an end to the "monolithic" control of education by self-serving local authorities and left-wing educationists giving power back to the parents.

Both Mr Clarke, a Cambridge graduate, and the prime minister, who left his south London chool without O-levels, favour a return to to traditional educational values with paper and pencil tests for all children. Mr Graham, has offended both ministers and his staff. He is seen as too autocratic, wanting to keep all levers of power in his hands, favouring the liberal wing of education, and showering schools with complicated instructions that nobody understood.

The message is underlined by insiders at the education department, who say that both the National Curriculum Council and the School Examinations and Asessment Council have failed to provide the clear-cut reforms demanded.

"They complicate everything," said one minister. "I just wish they would stop. The National Curriculum Council meetings were out of control, with everybody being allowed to have their say."

Off limits: strollers in London's Green Park walk past a fence built to bar access to Lancaster House, where next week's G7 summit is to be held

Western Isles are £10m bank loser

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the smallest local authorities in Britain emerged yesterday as the heaviest loser from the closure of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

Western Isles Islands Council in the Outer Hebrides is thought have invested £10 million with the bank, which was closed on Friday by the Bank of England after allegations of widespread fraud. The council has a budget of £54 million of which less than a fifth is raised by its £177 a head poll tax levied on the 31,800 inhabitants of 11 islands.

Donald Macleod, the Western Isles' finance director, said the council had been dealing with BCCI for about 15 years, in common with other Scottish councils. "We did that on the understanding that BCCI was a solid financial institution," he said. "We took advice from the money market and we were quite satisfied that BCCI was a solid institution. If we had had any inkling of this we would not have got involved."

A further three Scottish councils announced yesterday that they had assets frozen in BCCI. Ross and Cromarty stands to lose £1.8 million, Clackmannan £700,000, and Banff and Buchan will announce figures today.

The four Scottish councils join at least 25 English councils, two metropolitan passenger transport boards and at least one Ulster council affected by closure of the bank, which had £12 billion assets in over 60 countries.

Tyne and Wear passenger transport executive, which oversees trains and buses in the North East, said it could lose £6.7 million and Bury metropolitan council in Greater Manchester said it faced potential losses of £6.5 million. Lisburn council in County Antrim, Northern Ireland, said it stood to lose £3 million and Harlow council in Essex said it had invested £4 million in the bank. The West Midlands passenger transport authority said it had £2.5 million invested in the bank, £1 million of which had been deposited last Friday hours before the Bank of England stepped in.

Council treasurers insisted they invested in the bank on the advice of independent brokers and said they had faith in it because it was on a list of banks authorised by the Bank of England.

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Curbing crooked lawyers

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deals, have been caught out by the recessionary slump, and others have been involved in huge mortgage frauds.

David Morgan, a solicitor who defends lawyers before the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal in London, says that the fall in the property market unearthed malpractices that previously went undetected. "In the past, solicitors have borrowed money to finance transactions and been able to put it back. Suddenly they now find they cannot put them back. I think we may be horrified by some of the cases that could hit us next year."

In England and Wales, the Law Society has set up a pilot scheme in which spot checks will be made on firms that are late submitting their accounts. In Scotland, the Law Society has increased its team of inspectors from four to seven and intends, in the next two years, to inspect the books of all firms selected at random and at short notice.

Some 18,000 complaints a year are made against solicitors in England and Wales. Charles Flaxman, technical director of the Solicitors' Indemnity Fund, said the past 12 months had seen a bigger increase than expected in the number and size of claims which was very worrying.

In a recent paper circulated to the Law Society in Scotland, *The Rising Tide of Dishonesty — Policy for Protection*, Kenneth Pritchard, the society secretary highlighted the "vastly increased cost of claims" and said: "While there are isolated examples of misappropriation of clients' funds, or fraud on third parties to finance an expensive lifestyle, the majority of cases appear to arise from the need to finance non-mainstream legal business."

Such ventures, "or indeed adventures", included property speculation and development, stock-market speculation, open-cast coal mining and international loan scams.

Professional practice rules now being being considered include prevention of entry to the profession of those with criminal convictions "other than of a totally trivial and inconsequential nature"; prohibition on solicitors acting for a lender as well as a borrower, and prevention of a solicitor or his firm acting for, or being involved in, any commercial business in which he or the firm was involved.

All-star cast hails Yeltsin's success

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band and a vigorous rendering of an opera chorus by Mikhail Glinka, culminated in gracious congratulations and a well-staged handshake from President Gorbachev, his eternal rival and — for the moment, at least — his partner in reform.

It was a entirely different kind of loneliness — that of high office — which Mr Yeltsin experienced yesterday. Heralded by a blast of trumpets, he placed his hand on his heart, American-style, as he pledged to observe Russia's laws and constitution, defend its newly won sovereignty and and uphold the rights both of individuals and the republic's diverse races.

In an inaugural speech that will bring at least a flicker of emotion to many a jaded, cynical citizen, he declared: "Great Russia is getting up off its knees. We ... shall turn it into a flourishing, democratic, peace-loving, law-based and sovereign state." This proclamation of a new, liberal, modern Russia was only one of the ideas that inspired the planners of yesterday's event. The other idea was to proclaim, loudly and clearly, that Mr Yeltsin's republic is the true heir of all that was glorious and noble in tsarist Russia.

Political sketch

Reality forced to take a back seat

THE parliamentary day started, not really at the Commons at all, but over the road at St Margaret's Church. MPs and others were attending a memorial service for the late Eric Heffer. We should not mock, for Mr Heffer's religion was genuine, the church was full and the sadness tangible. But when Tony Benn described Karl Marx as "the last of the biblical prophets" the day assumed a certain unreality.

Back in the Chamber, reality hardly got a look in. "... Working people ... hounded, jailed ... disgrace ... amnesty". Labour's Ron Brown (Leith) kick-started us away on question number one. A hot afternoon, a thin House, and the adjectives were flying, each more extravagant than the last. It sometimes seems that the fewer and more listless the attenders, the more violent becomes their language. Where the rest of us pinch ourselves to stay awake, MPs try to wake themselves with their own vocabulary.

If Wolverhampton's Maureen Hicks (C) was to be believed, her whole town was gripped by "a growing optimistic feeling of anticipation". The cause of the excitement was a municipal competition organised by the department of the environment. *BLACK COUNTRY AT FEVER PITCH* was the sub-text.

Martin Brandon Bravo (C, Nottingham S), who wants Nottingham to win, begged Mr Heseltine "not to be overpowered by the obvious charm" of Mrs Hicks.

Mrs Hicks is a nice lady and prettier than Mr Bravo. But the effort of imagination required to see Mr Heseltine smitten, swept from his feet by her overpowering charm, was beyond me.

Try picturing it: Mrs Hicks in one of her summer frocks and her familiar spectacles ... Mr Heseltine, blond mane swept back, staggers, swoons, surrenders.

"Oh Michael, Wolverhampton is yours. Only say!" "Take me, Maureen!"

And all because the lady loves an inner-city initiative.

Mind you, the environment secretary was high on hype yesterday, too. Informed by Richard Holt (C) that Langbaurgh local council were "lunatics," Mr Heseltine could only gasp "the whole House will be deeply shocked".

I looked down. The "whole House" consisted of some 30 souls. They looked deeply bored.

Or perhaps they were deeply incredulous. For when Sheffield's Martin Flannery (Lab) called the coolly precocious junior minister Michael Portillo a "smart Alec" and described a nation "begging on the streets while ministers tread on the bodies as they come out of the opera", Portillo hit back: "I find the hon gentleman deeply incredible".

Maybe. But in the realms of the fantastic, Flannery was not alone. David Winnick (Lab, Walsall N) pictured ministers "going home in their chauffeur-driven cars to one of their palatial homes". Mr Portillo, in fact (when last I heard), went home in an Austin Montego to a terraced house near Clapham Junction.

"I put not paying your poll tax," Portillo told us, weighing his words like a Cambridge philosophy don, "on the same moral plane as ..." He paused. We held our breaths. As what? The serial axe-murder of infant children? The destruction of the world's rain forests?

"Fare-dodging," said Portillo. Crikey! As bad as that? *Even* worse than riding a bike with no lights then?

"Bring me my bow of burning gold!

Bring me my arrows of desire!"

they sang at St Margaret's. I hope Eric Heffer has the real thing, now. At Westminster, we only had words.

MATTHEW PARRIS

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

This week The Times ran a car versus plane versus train race to Edinburgh to mark the launch of BR's 225 service. The car, a Rover 827i, came last: but then it would, wouldn't it? Motoring correspondent Kevin Eason used the journey, nearly 1,000 miles there and back, as a test drive for the Rover, latest in an 8-series range which has had its troubles over the years. So, if you must drive to Edinburgh and back in a day, is this the car to do it in?

Plus: David Robinson reports from the Jerusalem film festival, which may lack the media clatter of Cannes but is none the less one of the big five festivals

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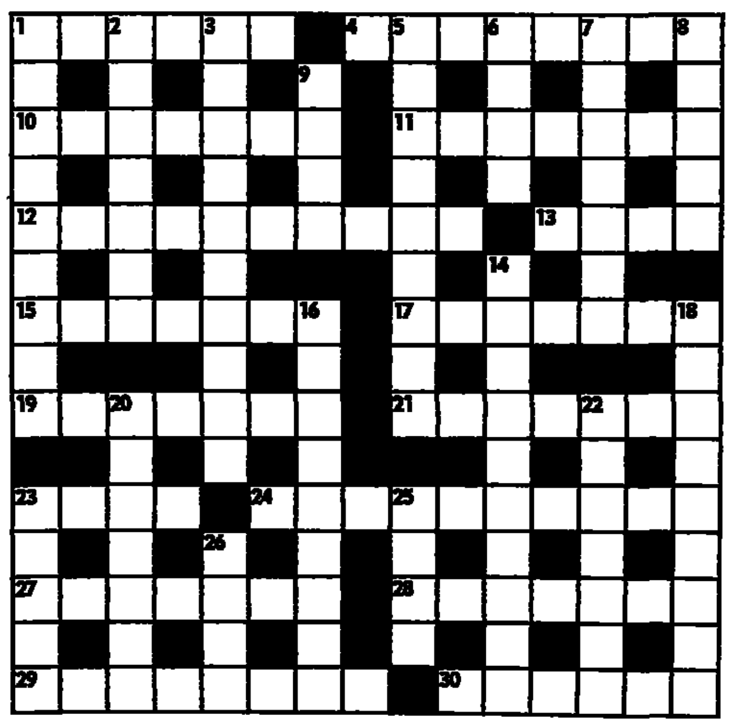

ACROSS
1 It was golden in Colchis (6).
4 Annoy to make one rattier (8).
10 Swindle layabout, say, using few words (7).
11 Shy feature concerns teachers (7).
12 Such verses are tortuous (10).
13 A god with wings (4).
15 Where in France great riots resulted in violence (7).
17 I'm getting drinks from abroad, say (7).
19 Lake plant (7).
21 "Bid me discourse, I will _____ thine ear" (*Venus and Adonis*) (7).
23 Reminder about second class power (4).
24 Point beyond which no solution is possible (10).
27 Physicist needs a drink — one available inside (7).
28 Outstanding points in oriental plant (7).
29 Such figures can't go so out of shape (8).
30 Figure of a girl in rags? On the contrary (6).

DOWN
1 Bishop's seat in food stall collapses (9).
2 Right inside, but in the passage (7).
3 Its branches hold out the light (10).
5 Tried once to become abstruse (9).
6 Not very extensive island (4).
7 Do away with a queen for having rings (7).
8 Fat, solid girl is a non-starter (5).
9 National tax (4).
14 Expert's hypothesis upsets excellent record (10).
16 Nobility in drawing of the face (9).
18 It is covered up in neatest material (9).
20 College includes nude entertainment (7).
22 Fruit insect flying about for food (7).
23 Medallion arrived with ring (5).
25 One who insults missing sailor's employer (4).
26 Issue note for this number (4).

Concise Crossword, page 21

Solution to Puzzle No 18,654

A	R	R	O	G	A	N	T		A	M	B	L	E	D
L		E		E		U		R		A		O		I
B	E	H	I	N	D	T	H	E	S	C	E	N	E	S
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	P	S	A	L	M	I	S	T		M	Y	O	P	E
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A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

TEAPOY
a. An Indian waiter
b. A tea strainer
c. A small table

TELEDU
a. An Indian language
b. A television zapper
c. The stinking badger

LEGER
a. A pickpocket
b. Short-seller of charcoal
c. A book of tables

CONSPURCATION
a. Defilement
b. A sworn treaty
c. Draining blood

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WEATHER

Cloudy with rain over Scotland but becoming brighter. Rain over Northern Ireland will clear before further showers. Wales and the far South-West will have early rain, spreading eastwards across northern England, the Midlands and the rest of South-West. The rest of England will be mostly dry with a fair deal of sun. Outlook: mainly dry with sunny periods in the South and East, showers in the West and North.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	26	79	f	Majorca	30	86	s
Akrotiri	30	86	s	Malaga	30	86	s
Alex'dria	28	82	f	Malta	26	79	s
Algiers	31	88	s	Melb'rne	9	48	c
Amst'dm	22	72	s	Mexico C*	21	70	f
Athens	31	88	s	Miami*	32	90	s
Bahrain	35	95	s	Milan	27	81	s
Bangkok	34	93	f	Montreal*	21	70	f
Barbads*	30	86	s	Moscow	20	68	s
Barcelna	27	81	s	Munich	26	79	s
Belgrade	31	88	s	Nairobi	21	70	c
Berlin	22	72	f	Naples	32	90	f
Bermuda*	27	81	c	N Delhi	35	95	s
Biarritz	33	91	s	N York*	28	82	s
Borde'x	31	88	s	Nice	28	82	c
Brussels	22	72	s	Oslo	23	73	f
Budapst	32	90	f	Paris	26	79	s
B Aires*	11	52	c	Peking	31	88	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Perth	16	61	s
Cape Tn	14	57	c	Prague	23	73	f
Chicago*	24	75	f	Reykjavik	16	61	f
Ch'church	9	48	s	Rhodes	29	84	s
Cologne	25	77	s	Rio de J	23	73	s
C'phagn	21	70	f	Riyadh	36	97	s
Corfu	30	86	s	Rome	28	82	s
Dublin	16	61	c	Salzburg	26	79	f
Dubrovnik	32	90	s	S F'risco*	13	55	c
Faro	31	88	s	Santiago*	15	59	f
Florence	31	88	c	S Paulo*	23	73	c
Frankfurt	27	81	s	Seoul	27	81	f
Funchal	23	73	s	Sing'por	30	86	t
Geneva	26	79	s	St'kholm	19	66	c
Gibraltar	26	79	s	Strasb'rg	29	84	s
Helsinki	22	72	r	Sydney	11	52	r
Hong K	30	86	f	Tangier	33	91	s
Innsbrck	26	79	f	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Istanbul	28	82	s	Tenerife	24	75	s
Jeddah	34	93	s	Tokyo	26	79	c
Jo'burg*	13	55	s	Toronto*	23	73	f
Karachi	29	84	f	Tunis	28	82	f
L Palmas	25	77	s	Valencia	32	90	s
Le Tquet	22	72	f	Vanc'ver*	18	64	c
Lisbon	30	86	s	Venice	28	82	s
Locarno	28	82	c	Vienna	28	82	f
London	23	73	f	Warsaw	25	77	f
L Angels*	21	70	f	Wash'ton*	30	86	f
Luxembg	26	79	s	Wel'nton	11	52	f
Luxor	38	100	s	Zurich	26	79	s
Madrid	33	91	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.215	2.065
Austria Sch	21.70	20.20
Belgium Fr	63.40	59.40
Canada $	1.967	1.817
Denmark Kr	11.92	11.17
Finland Mkk	7.44	6.99
France Fr	10.39	9.74
Germany Dm	3.08	2.88
Greece Dr	331.00	311.00
Hong Kong $	13.16	12.16
Ireland Pt	1.148	1.078
Italy Lira	2293.00	2145.00
Japan Yen	240.50	222.50
Netherlands Gld	3.46	3.24
Norway Kr	12.07	11.27
Portugal Esc	266.00	248.00
South Africa Rd	5.65	5.05
Spain Pta	192.00	179.00
Sweden Kr	11.18	10.43
Switzerland Fr	2.66	2.49
Turkey Lira	7650.00	6850.00
USA $	1.715	1.59
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 20C (68F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.5 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.9	.03	20	68	rain
Anglesey	8.8	.03	18	64	sunny
Belfast	6.5	.12	19	66	shower
Birmingham	8.8	.01	22	72	sunny
Blackpool	9.3	.09	19	66	sunny
Bournemouth	10.3	-	20	68	sunny
Bristol	8.1	.02	19	66	sunny
Cardiff	8.5	.01	18	64	rain
Douglas	6.0	.33	19	66	bright
Eastbourne	8.3	.15	18	64	sunny
Edinburgh	3.8	.21	19	66	rain
Eskdalemuir	3.1	.47	17	63	bright
Exmouth	4.7	-	20	68	sunny
Falmouth	6.3	.05	18	64	sunny
Folkestone	8.3	.13	20	68	bright
Glasgow	5.0	.30	18	64	sunny
Hastings	8.5	.01	19	66	sunny
Hunstanton	7.9	-	21	70	sunny
Jersey	7.8	-	19	66	sunny
Leeds	8.6	-	21	70	sunny
Lerwick	2.0	.03	16	61	fog
Nottingham	9.0	.01	21	70	sunny
Penzance	5.0	-	19	66	bright
Poole	8.9	-	21	70	sunny
Sandown	11.5	-	19	66	sunny
Saunton Snd	8.0	-	17	63	sunny
Scilly Isles	3.5	-	18	64	bright
Southend	9.9	-	23	73	sunny
St. Ives	4.8	-	18	64	sunny
Swanage	12.2	-	18	64	sunny
Teignmouth	8.7	-	20	68	sunny
Tenby	8.9	.07	18	64	sunny
Torquay	8.5	-	21	70	sunny
Weymouth	9.7	-	18	64	sunny
Wick	1.5	.33	19	66	shower
Worthing	9.0	-	18	64	sunny

Tuesday's figures are latest available

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: London, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Morecambe, Lancashire, 0.56 in; highest sunshine: Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, 13.4 hr.

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East Midlands 712*
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Dyfed & Powys 714*
Gwynedd & Clwyd 715
N W England 716*
W & S Yorks & Dales 717*
N E England 718*
Cumbria & Lake District 719
S W Scotland 720
W Central Scotland 721
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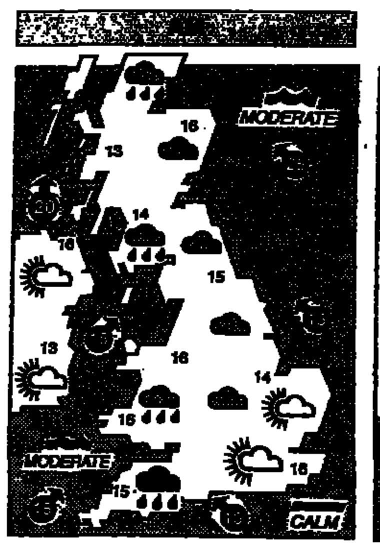
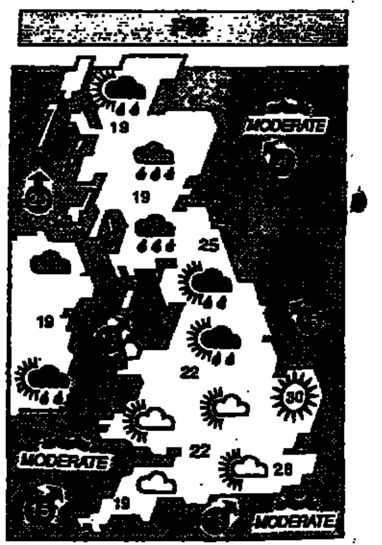




YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	16	61	c	Guernsey	21	70	s
B'rmghm	21	70	f	Inverness	17	63	r
Blackpool	23	73	f	Jersey	23	73	c
Bristol	21	70	f	London	23	73	f
Cardiff	21	70	f	M'nchster	20	68	f
Edinburgh	19	66	c	Newcastle	22	72	f
Glasgow	18	64	c	R'nldsway	17	63	f

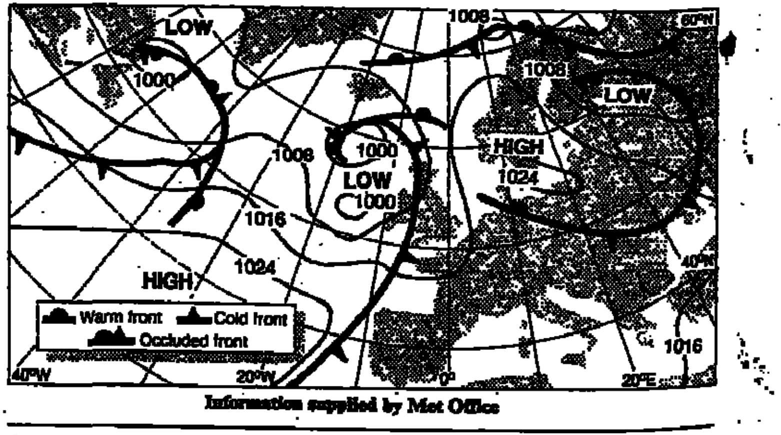
Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 23C (73F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 7.4 hr.

London 9.16 pm to 4.57 am
Bristol 9.25 pm to 5.07 am
Edinburgh 9.54 pm to 4.43 am
Manchester 9.35 pm to 4.54 am
Penzance 9.30 pm to 5.25 am

Sun rises: 4.56 am
Sun sets: 9.16 pm
Moon rises 4.11 am
Moon sets 9.08 pm
New moon 8.06 pm

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.42	6.6	2.14	6.6	Liverpool	11.30	9.2	11.54	9.4
Aberdeen	1.10	4.1	1.45	4.2	Lowestoft	9.28	2.4	10.05	2.4
Avonmouth	7.25	12.8	7.49	13.0	Margate			12.16	4.5
Belfast	11.21	3.3	11.40	3.6	Milford Haven	6.22	6.8	6.46	6.9
Cardiff	7.10	11.7	7.34	12.0	Newquay	5.14	6.7	5.37	6.9
Devonport	6.08	5.0	6.32	5.4	Oban	6.20	3.7	6.26	3.9
Dover	11.14	6.3	11.34	6.5	Penzance	5.06	5.1	5.29	5.5
Falmouth	5.38	4.8	6.02	5.2	Portland	7.20	1.9	7.44	2.2
Glasgow	12.35	4.6	1.22	4.5	Portsmouth	11.42	4.4	11.53	4.6
Harwich			12.09	3.8	Shoreham	11.29	6.0	11.49	6.2
Holyhead	10.35	5.4	10.58	5.6	Southampton	11.11	4.4	11.23	4.4
Hull	6.27	7.0	7.00	7.2	Swansea	6.32	9.0	6.54	9.4
Ilfracombe	6.09	8.7	6.32	9.0	Tees	3.44	5.2	4.14	5.4
King's Lynn	6.32	6.3	7.07	6.4	W'ton-on-Nze			12.02	4.0
Leith	2.29	5.2	3.02	5.4					

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.



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THURSDAY JULY 11 1991
Business Editor
John Bell

'Excess' BT profit may help customer

BRITISH Telecom could be forced to share any profit deemed excessive with its customers, Sir Bryan Carsberg, the director general of the office of telecommunications, suggested yesterday.

He further suggested that the level of directors' salaries might be considered in any review of controls on telephone charges levied by the company. He floated the idea in the wake of a 43 per cent rise in the pay of Iain Vallance, chairman of BT, to £536,503.

BT attacked his comments as part of an attempt to justify a "U-turn" last week in which Sir Bryan indicated his intention to delay imposition of substantial charges on BT's competitors for calls passing through BT's local telephone network.

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Scottish wins with low bid

Scottish Television, one of three ITV companies unchallenged in the Channel 3 licence tender, has bid less than £1 million to renew its licence, it emerged yesterday.

Shares jumped 48p to close at 393p as it became clear that Scottish's low bid will make it Channel 3's most profitable broadcaster for its size.

Scottish bid low knowing that it had no rivals in the blind auction. It had spent nearly £4 million forming alliances with independent producers in the region in order to prevent any greenfield operator from signing up enough talent to make a credible rival bid.

The station also "golden-handcuffed" 30 key executives to its bid with four-year contracts and a bonus equivalent to one year's salary if it won.

Central Independent Television, another unchallenged incumbent, is understood to have bid "high", believing before the May 15 application deadline that it may have been opposed.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6225 (-0.0010)
German mark
2.9416 (-0.0058)
Exchange index
89.7 (-0.3)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1918.1 (+12.7)
FT-SE 100
2508.4 (+20.5)
New York Dow Jones
2974.28 (+27.06)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
23121.30 (+512.34)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Blenheim Group	872½p (+13p)
Reed Int	420p (+10p)
Sothebys	812½p (+13p)
Cable & Wireless	577½p (+22p)
Delta	368½p (+9p)
Rentokil	341p (+11p)
Amersham	356½p (+14p)
Scottish TV	392½p (+48p)
P Bilton	417½p (+23p)
Grand Met	762½p (+13p)
Rank Org	660p (+17p)
Reuters	781½p (+29p)
Eurotunnel Units	447½p (+8p)
Charter Cons	480p (+13p)
Johnson Matthey	311½p (+10p)
Borlow Rand	917½p (+30p)
FALLS:	
Laporte	545p (-12p)
WPP	92½p (-15p)
Bank of Ireland	163½p (-10p)
ADT	610p (-33p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11½%
3-month Interbank 11 1/16-11%
3-month eligible bills: 10 11/16-10 5/8%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5¾%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.58-5.57%*
30-year bonds 95 9/16-95 19/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6225	£: $1.6205*
£: DM2.9416	$: DM1.8140*
£: SwFr2.5490	$: SwFr1.5721*
£: FFr9.9825	$: FFr6.1530*
£: Yen224.72	$: Yen138.55*
£: Index89.7	$: Index68.3
ECU £0.698012	SDR £0.808627
£: ECU1.432640	£: SDR1.236664

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $370.20 pm-$370.90
close $370.20-370.70 (£228.25-228.75)
New York:
Comex $371.75-372.25*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (July) .... $19.25 bbl ($19.15)
* Denotes latest trading price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 133.5 May (1987=100)

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Accountant filed ten reports before closure

BCCI losses estimated at over £900m

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

PRICE Waterhouse, the accountant, completed ten separate reports on the finances of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International before the Bank of England decided to close it down, according to Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Bank governor.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton told a group of Labour MPs that losses from the fraud at BCCI total more than £900 million and that there was no alternative but to close the bank.

This is the first estimate by the Bank of the losses involved. The Luxembourg-registered bank was closed by bank regulators worldwide last Friday after the discovery of a fraud, which the bank says was perpetrated at the highest levels within BCCI. Some sources now suggest, however, that as much as $4 billion has been lost.

The revelation that Price Waterhouse had completed nine previous reports into BCCI's finances for the Bank demonstrates the concern about the group among international banking authorities for years before the closure.

A spokesman for Price Waterhouse said it had been in contact with the Bank and other regulators ever since its appointment as worldwide auditor to BCCI in 1987.

Touche Ross, BCCI's worldwide administrator, is looking into the role of the International Credit and Investment Company (Overseas), registered in the Cayman Islands, which owns a large stake in BCCI and may have been involved in some of the bank's share purchases.

Brian Smouha, supervisor in charge of winding up BCCI, flew to Luxembourg yesterday to meet Pierre Jaans, director general of the Luxembourg Monetary Institute, to discuss the bank's liquidation.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton and Eddie George, the Bank's deputy governor, met four MPs, led by Keith Vaz, the Labour MP for Leicester East. Mr Vaz urged the governor to fly to Abu Dhabi and gain the support of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, BCCI's 77 per cent shareholder.

"Every effort should be made to preserve the staff's jobs and depositors' savings before BCCI is wound up," he said. "It is incredible that the Bank of England could not have sought the agreement of the sheikh to provide whatever assistance BCCI needed to keep afloat." Mr Vaz also called on the government to introduce emergency legislation to increase the compensation for depositors in BCCI from the present £15,000 ceiling.

In Britain, BCCI held deposits worth £750 million in 120,000 accounts, all frozen in the closure.

Many of BCCI's staff and customers are taking legal advice to try to unlock their savings. In Manchester, Alexander Tatham, a firm of solicitors, has formed an action group of depositors and called a meeting in Manchester Town Hall for next Thursday. Tatham was a leading figure in the campaign for the government to compensate investors in Barlow Clowes.

In London, Jaques & Lewis, a firm with strong connections in the Asian business community, has established an advice line manned by fluent speakers of Hindi, Gujerati, Urdu and Kiswahili. It has taken more than 200 calls from worried BCCI investors around the world.

Gouldens, the City solicitor, is acting for a group of banks and corporate borrowers, which stands to lose millions. The firms may challenge the legality of the Bank of England's closure in an effort to recover the funds.

BCCI was a prominent lender in the shipping and property markets, and companies are worried that their term loans with the bank will be called in early as part of the Touche Ross winding-up operation. The firm is also trying to close an interest rate swap deal that one bank held with BCCI until the collapse and where losses are mounting.

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Sheikh Zayed: owns 77%

Fraud 'exposed by recession'

By ANGELA MACKAY

LARGER, more widespread frauds are being revealed during the recession because there is less cash in the system to conceal a crime, according to the director of the Serious Fraud Office.

Coinciding with the release of the SFO's annual report, Barbara Mills QC, the director, said for the year to April 4, her office was working on 56 cases of alleged fraud involving £1.6 billion, a £400 million rise on the previous year.

Mrs Mills said: "My own view is that, in a period of recession, frauds which have been going on for some time may have more of a tendency to come to light since there is less money to keep them going.

"This is particularly true in investor fraud where someone is robbing Peter to pay Paul. You can only keep it going if the money is coming in to keep the organisation running."

The commonest type of fraud was on investors, representing 28 per cent of referrals to the SFO, closely followed by fraud on creditors, 23 per cent.

In 1990-1, 72 defendants, involved in 27 completed trials, were prosecuted by the SFO. Of those, 22 pleaded guilty. Where a not guilty plea was entered, 23 were convicted after trial and 26 were acquitted. Another defendant was medically discharged.

Mrs Mills refused to comment on cases being investigated by the SFO, including its newest case, BCCI, except to say that the matters were being dealt with expeditiously.

The SFO has been criticised recently for taking too long to bring matters to trial. Mrs Mills, who assumed the directorship in September, said she had introduced a target time of one year for investigation prior to committal or transfer of a case.

She also said new, streamlined court procedures were being introduced for preparatory hearings.

Price of fraud, page 27

Lloyd's picks QC to study Feltrim

By OUR CITY STAFF

THE Council of Lloyd's has appointed Sir Patrick Neill QC to investigate losses at three syndicates managed by Feltrim Underwriting Agencies. The independent review is the first of about six loss reviews likely this year under a by-law passed in June.

The reviews may be triggered by a loss of 100 per cent of stamp capacity in one underwriting. In Feltrim's case, more than 100 per cent of stamp capacity was lost in one year. One of Feltrim's 4,000 names, Colin Hook, who has formed a names action group, has been lobbying for an enquiry into the losses incurred by syndicates 540/542 and 847 between 1987 and 1990.

The role of the review panel is to report on the facts surrounding the loss and not to determine legal liability or misconduct. The Feltrim panel includes Brian Evens, a director of SJO Catlin Underwriting, and John Whiter, a chartered accountant.

Sir Patrick led the committee of enquiry into regulatory arrangements at Lloyd's. Its report was published in January 1987, and all 70 of the committee's recommendations have been implemented.

Hashimoto sacrifices his wallet

By COLIN CAMPBELL

RYUTARO HASHIMOTO, the Japanese finance minister, obviously believes that the days of ritual suicide in atonement for shame-faced actions (or non-actions) are over.

He has publicly accepted some personal blame for his ministry's mishandling of the recent Tokyo brokerage house scandals that have already cost two of them their corporate heads. But instead of falling on his sword, Mr Hashimoto has inflicted a less painful slice — on his pocket, rather than his stomach. He is taking a 10 per cent salary cut for the three months.

Four other senior finance ministry officials have been disciplined and given "strong warnings", two of whom are also taking a 10 per cent pay cut.

Mr Hashimoto had on Monday given a rebuke to Nomura, Nikko, Daiwa and Yamaichi after all acknowledged improperly compensating favoured corporate clients for market losses. Nomura and Nikko also admitted links with a big crime syndicate boss. Punishment for the four, which account for 30 per cent of Tokyo's daily turnover, includes fines and a four-day restriction (starting yesterday) on corporate client activity.

With head bowed suitably low, Mr Hashimoto yesterday appeared to accept the validity of charges that ministry officials had known about at least some of the improper client compensation as early as February 1990.

"This [salary cut] is the punishment I impose on myself. I am very sorry," Mr Hashimoto said. "We have taken this action because the ministry has not been able to grasp the details [of the stock exchange scandals] until recently. We could not exercise full supervision."

Some observers remain cynical of the 10 per cent pay cut, saying it smacks of self protection of his political ambitions, including the office of prime minister.

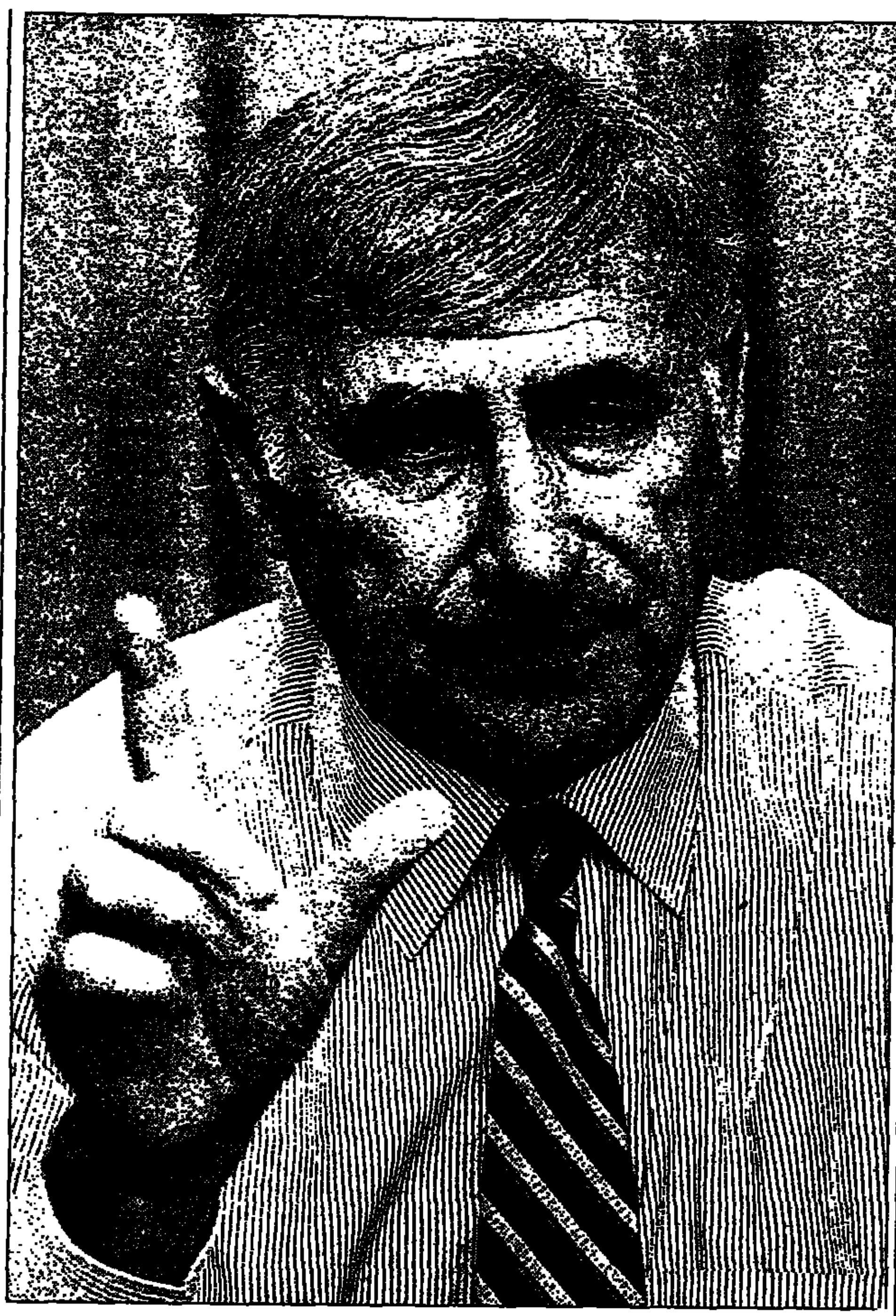
Others say the "punishment" was to deflect criticism at the forthcoming G7 meeting of the world's top finance ministers in London.

Public criticism has included suggestions that the ministry has been more concerned with representing and protecting brokers' interests than with supervising them. "MoF is known as the downtown representative office of Nomura Securties," one Japanese magazine said.

The scandals have led to calls that Japane should have an independent securities watchdog similar to America's Securities and Exchange Commission. Mr Hashimoto has, however, ruled out creating such a body.

In the last day before their enforced holiday, the big four helped the Nikkei average to close 512.34 points higher at 23,121.30, in turnover of 270 million shares.

In the days ahead, while the big four run their thumbs over their swords thinking what might have been, the Tokyo stock market is expected to be all but dead.



Bucking trend: Stanley Kalms reported good figures, but said trading is still tough

UK profit helps Dixons to £81.7m

By MICHAEL TATE
CITY EDITOR

DIXONS Group, the electrical retailer, has bucked the recessionary trend to nudge pre-tax profits up from £80.1 million to £81.7 million in the year to end-April.

Underlying the figures is an even more impressive performance by the British retail side, comprising Dixons, Currys and the Supasnaps photo film outlets, turning a marginal improvement in turnover, at £1.09 billion, into a 61 per cent surge in operating profits, from £33.5 million to £54 million.

Stanley Kalms, chairman, said trading margins benefited from systems investment, product mix changes and improved buying terms. Higher average ticket values, the growing proportional take from Curry's out-of-town Superstores, management integration and increased distribution efficiencies, all contributed.

The group's success in Britain was offset by a dismal performance in America, where it made only $6.8 million profit on $966 million of sales.

Profits from property also dropped, from £31.7 million to £11 million, but the group avoided worse by diversifying into continental Europe. It has just pre-let the final phase of its Beaulieu, Brussels, development to the European Commission at £6 million a year.

Dixons is lifting its final dividend to 4.2p a share, making 5.8p (5.6p). Mr Kalms says trading remains tough, but Dixons and Currys sold more in the first ten weeks of this year than a year ago.

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National Power to speed coal imports

By ROSS TIEMAN
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NATIONAL Power is to take part in the construction of a £5 million coal import terminal at Hull, Humberside, which would enable a sharp cut in domestic fuel purchases.

The terminal is expected to be followed by a £50 million port joint venture, with an annual capacity of 8 million tonnes, at Immingham, also Humberside.

Building the terminals close to Britain's largest concentration of coal-fired power stations in the Trent and Aire valleys threatens British Coal and the livelihoods of about 11,000 miners.

The increase in import capacity will strengthen the generating companies' position in negotiating the renewal of coal purchase contracts with British Coal, which expire in March 1993.

The Hull terminal will be developed in partnership with Fernwood Holdings. Operation is planned to begin in December 1992.

A National Power spokesman said a contract was expected to be awarded soon for the construction of the Immingham terminal, in association with Associated British Ports and PowerGen. The facility would probably be completed in 1993. Projects for import facilities in the southwest and on the Tees were also being considered.

The generating companies believe they will be able to import coal at little more than £30 a tonne, compared with close to £40 tonne paid to British Coal at the moment.

S Wales raises payout

By MARTIN WALLER

SOUTH Wales Electricity has broken ranks with the other 11 regional electricity companies in England and Wales and raised its dividend to above that forecast in the prospectus published late last year.

Shareholders will get a payment of 11.8p, compared with the promised 11.13p. South Wales and another distributor, Manweb, completed the sector's reporting season and continued the tradition of reporting far higher than forecast profits.

Manweb made £59 million pre-tax, after forecasting £52.5 million, while the increase for South Wales was £12.2 million to £58.1 million. Manweb, in line with the other companies in the sector, is not paying out any of the excess profits to shareholders, who receive a forecast 11.2p a share.

Wynford Evans, the South Wales chairman, said the increased dividend had no connection with the 14.9 per cent stake held, against his company's better wishes, by the other Welsh utility, Welsh Water.

Both chairmen announced their current salaries. Mr Evans' rises to £155,000, up from £67,750, and that of his counterpart at Manweb, Bryan Weston, from £62,270 to £175,000. Mr Evans also said that he and four other directors were on share option packages exercisable in January 1994 that already offer paper profits of between £61,000 and £140,000 each before tax if the current share price holds until then. Manweb would not reveal its option package.

The vexed question of executives' salaries was further confused when Mr Weston claimed the government had put presssure on the industry to leave the planned salary increases out of the prospectus and not to reveal them until after privatisation.

Mr Weston subsequently retracted his remarks and they were denied by the energy department.

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Lowndes Lambert float terms

LOWNDES Lambert, the insurance broker, has launched its flotation by issuing 8.45 million shares at 290p each to raise £24.5 million.

The shares are being placed by Kleinwort Benson with institutions, although 3.28 million are available in an offer for sale through a clawback. The issue will produce £15 million for the company, with the remainder going to management and venture capital investors.

Lowndes has announced a notional dividend for the year to last March of 11.5p, making a yield of 5.3 per cent yield.

Changes at News International

Jeremy Reed, advertisement director of *Today*, is to become commercial director of *The Times* as part of a restructuring of News International's sales areas. Chris Berry, advertisement director of Times Newspapers Ltd, becomes commercial director of *The Sunday Times*.

John Evans, The News Corporation executive vice-president (development), said: "The object is to focus attention on the individual strengths of our titles, to allow experienced and motivated people to take on greater responsibilities and for innovation and ideas to flourish."

Bond order

The liquidator of Alan Bond's private company, Dallhold Investments, has secured a winding-up order for Gold Resources Australia, a subsidiary that controls most of the company's mineral interests.

Charter sale

Charter Consolidated has sold its remaining 1.68 million shares in Minorco in the market, raising about £13.6 million.

Borland and Ashton-Tate set to merge

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

TWO of the world's best known computer software makers, Borland and Ashton-Tate, are to merge in an all-share deal under which Borland offers Ashton Tate shareholders a total of $439 million.

Ashton-Tate is well known for its database product, dBASE, the market leader in its field with 2 million users worldwide. Borland's specialities include a spreadsheet, Quattro Pro, and several computer languages.

The merger of the two companies, roughly equal in size, will create the world's fourth largest software house, after Microsoft, Oracle and Lotus, with a turnover of about $500 million.

Borland is based in Scots Valley, northern California, where the future headquarters of the joint company will be based. Ashton-Tate operates from Torrance, near Los Angeles, and employs 1,700 staff worldwide. A spokesman for Ashton-Tate refused to speculate on staff cuts, but Borland officials said yesterday they expected to achieve significant operational efficiencies, normally a euphemism for staff reductions.

Paul Sloane, managing director of Ashton Tate, northern Europe, said the companies had little strategic overlap, except in one product area, databases, where the current products would be continued, while the next generation will be developed jointly.

Philippe Kahn, the chairman of Borland, said: "This transaction will allow us to provide a full range of software products, from databases and spreadsheets to graphics and programming languages, all designed for client-server computing architectures on a variety of platforms."

Under the deal, shareholders in Ashton-Tate will receive for each share just a third of a Borland share, worth $17.50. Both companies are listed in New York's Nasdaq over-the-counter market.

Shares in Ashton-Tate rose strongly after the announcement, up $5¾ at $16, while Borland shares fell from $49⅝ to $45½. In London, Borland has a listing on the unquoted securities market, where the shares closed unchanged at £29.50

Adviser quits Mountleigh

MOUNTLEIGH, the property group, has parted company with NM Rothschild, its financial adviser. Russell Edey, a director of Rothschild, said: "We have resigned." Mountleigh said the parting was "by mutual consent". No reason was given.

The cooling of the relationship became apparent last week, when Mountleigh's £96 million rights issue was underwritten by UBS Phillips & Drew.

Yesterday, Fidelity International, the fund manager based in Bermuda and headed by Edward Johnson, emerged as holder of a 4.9 per cent stake in Mountleigh.

EDS offer resisted by 48%: John Jackson of Scicon

EDS 'resisted by 48%'

THE battle for control of SD-Scicon took a new twist after John Jackson, chairman, said institutions speaking for 48.1 per cent of the software company had opposed a hostile 45p a share cash bid from EDS, a unit of General Motors (Martin Barrow writes).

Scicon said fund managers representing clients holding 38.9 per cent said the £116 million bid was "far too low" and would advise against acceptance. Directors speak for a further 9.2 per cent.

British Aerospace sold its 25 per cent stake to EDS. Scicon's shares, up 3p to 51p, have held above the offer price amid talk of a possible bid from BT or Cable and Wireless.

Find encourages Lasmo

LASMO, the British independent oil company, said it was "extremely encouraged" by the results of exploration efforts in the Pine prospect, North Sea, after a test well flowed at 5,130 barrels a day.

Further appraisal drilling is necessary. But John Hogan, managing director, said the results confirmed the potential anticipated by the company when it increased its interest in the field to 56.88 per cent, buying a 26.74 per cent stake from Occidental.

Germans resume talks with Pirelli

By OUR EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

CONTINENTAL, the German tyre group, has resumed merger talks with Pirelli, the Italian tyre company with which it has been fighting a bitter takeover battle for almost a year.

The announcement was made at Continental's annual meeting in Hanover by Wilhelm Winterstein, the spokesman of the management board, who was appointed as interim successor to Horst Urban, an opponent of a deal. The latter was forced to resign after a clash with the company's supervisory board over the issue.

The Pirelli and Continental battle has been one of the most hotly contested takeovers seen on the Continent, which began last autumn with the suggestion of a reverse DM2 billion bid by Pirelli.

In March, Continental held an extraordinary meeting that decided to overturn a rule limiting shareholders to a maximum vote of 5 per cent, thereby removing the principle obstacle to a takeover bid. The futile merger battle subsequently led to the resignation of the top management of both companies.

The prospects of a deal with Pirelli come amid a worsening environment for the world tyre industry. Continental suffered a 60 per cent drop in net income to DM93 million in 1990 and a further decline in earnings is to be expected this year, despite a 12 per cent rise in sales to DM4.5 billion.

Herr Winterstein said he could not exclude that this year's dividend might have to be scrapped, after last year's was reduced to DM4 (DM8).

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Time Warner to alter terms of $3.5bn issue

TIME Warner, the world's largest entertainment group, is expected to change the terms of its $3.5 billion rights issue after a shareholders' rebellion. TW's issue offers new shares at a maximum price which is $12 a share above their cost in the stock market.

Institutional shareholders have attacked the plan as coercive, complicated and unfair, three large pension funds have started legal action and other fund managers have called for the issue to be scrapped. TW is in talks with the SEC which has raised questions about the issue after a review.

Payout cut at Wyko

WYKO Group, the bearings and power transmission components business, has cut its final dividend from 2.35p to 1.4p a share. The move follows a fall in pre-tax profits to £1.53 million (£3.64 million) in the year to end-April, with only £110,000 earned in the second half. The annual payout of 2.8p (3.75p) is covered by 4.37p of earnings.

Half-time slip at Leslie Wise

THE recession has hit Leslie Wise, the clothing supplier, with pre-tax profits down to £1.35 million (£2.14 million) in the six months to end-May. Earnings fell to 2.7p (4.24p) but the interim dividend is held at 1.75p a share. Leslie Wise, chairman, says signs for the second half are more encouraging. Sales volumes are improving and "should continue to do so".

Tops falls to £2.4m

PRE-TAX profits at Tops Estates, the property investment company, fell 4.5 per cent to £2.4 million in the year to end-March. Rental income from the portfolio of largely retail, town centre property rose 19 per cent to £9.9 million.

An internal revaluation has resulted in the value of the company's freehold portfolio dropping from £180 million to £170 million. Net assets per share fell from 240p to 216p. After a maiden interim dividend of 0.5p, the final is cut to 1.3p (1.6p) making a total 1.8p (1.6p).

Dolphin to raise £4.6m

DOLPHIN Packaging, the plastic packaging specialist, is raising £4.62 million via an open offer of new shares and switching from the Unlisted Securities Market to the main list. Investors are being offered one new share for every five existing shares at 125p, against yesterday's price of 131p, down 7p. The money will be used to cut borrowings of £5.5 million.

Cityvision plunges

CITYVISION, the video hire group that was a high-flyer at the end of the Eighties, saw pre-tax profits slump to £3.51 million (£8.37 million) in the six months to end-May but is holding its interim dividend at 0.5p. Beverley Ripley, the chairman, said the second half had started well and the group continued to generate cash for expansion.

Alan Paul seeks funds

ALAN Paul, the hairdresser and beauty products group, is calling on the market for cash for the third time since its 1989 flotation. This time, the company is raising £5.3 million from shareholders via a one-for-three rights issue at 88p a share. Group profits trebled to £3.74 million (£1.25 million) in the year to end-March. Investors collect a 2.4p final dividend, making 3.4p (3p).

Interest charges climbed from £386,000 to £1.24 million. After the rights, a full listing of the shares is planned.

WALL STREET

New York

SHARE prices generally were maintaining a solid advance at mid-morning, while the blue chips were slightly lower. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 28 points to 2,975.23, after reaching 2,977.

Hugh Johnson, the chief investment officer at the First Albany Corporation, said that investors had bought shares amid encouragement from Tuesday, when the Dow average declined by almost 15 points but most other market indices rose.

☐ **Frankfurt** – The Dax index ended a quiet day 7.11 points up at 1,634.74 after reaching an early high of 1,639.54.

(Reuter)

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Colgate-Pal	38[illegible]	37	Mead	33[illegible]	33[illegible]	Travelers	23[illegible]	23
Columb Gas	15[illegible]	16[illegible]	Medtronic	117[illegible]	114½	Tribune	46	45[illegible]
Compaq	34[illegible]	33[illegible]	Mellon Bk	32	31[illegible]	TRW	42[illegible]	42[illegible]
Conagra	41[illegible]	41[illegible]	Melville	48[illegible]	47[illegible]	Tyco Lab	48[illegible]	48
Cons Edis	24[illegible]	24[illegible]	Merck	118[illegible]	117[illegible]	UAL	146[illegible]	146[illegible]
Cons NG	40[illegible]	40[illegible]	Merll Lynch	41	39[illegible]	Un Camp	46[illegible]	45[illegible]
Cons Rail	61[illegible]	60[illegible]	Minnesota	92[illegible]	91[illegible]	Un Carbide	21[illegible]	20[illegible]
Cooper Ind	55[illegible]	55[illegible]	Mobil	64[illegible]	63[illegible]	Un Pacific	57[illegible]	57[illegible]
Corning	67	66[illegible]	Monsanto	70[illegible]	69[illegible]	Unilever	79[illegible]	79[illegible]
CPC Intl	86[illegible]	85[illegible]	Moore	26[illegible]	26[illegible]	Unisys	3[illegible]	3[illegible]
Crown Cork	77[illegible]	76[illegible]	Morgan JP	54	53[illegible]	Unocal	23[illegible]	22[illegible]
CSX	45[illegible]	44[illegible]	Motorola	64	64[illegible]	Upjohn	44[illegible]	44[illegible]
Dana	33[illegible]	33[illegible]	Nat Medical	43[illegible]	44[illegible]	US Life	42[illegible]	42[illegible]
Dayton-Hud	73[illegible]	72[illegible]	Nat Semi	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	US West	36[illegible]	35[illegible]
Deere	52[illegible]	51[illegible]	Nat Service	26	25[illegible]	Usair Gp	14[illegible]	14[illegible]
Delta Air	74[illegible]	73[illegible]	Navistar	3[illegible]	3[illegible]	USF&G	8[illegible]	8[illegible]
Deluxe	45[illegible]	45[illegible]	NCNB	37[illegible]	37[illegible]	UST	46[illegible]	46[illegible]
Detroit Edi	28[illegible]	28[illegible]	NCR	108[illegible]	108[illegible]	USX Mar	24[illegible]	24
Digital Eq	65[illegible]	64[illegible]	NBD Bncp	38[illegible]	37[illegible]	Utd Tech	44[illegible]	43[illegible]
Dillard	123[illegible]	126[illegible]	Newmont Min	42	41[illegible]	Utd Telcm	29[illegible]	29[illegible]
Disney	120[illegible]	119[illegible]	Niagr Mhwk	15[illegible]	15[illegible]	VF	29[illegible]	30[illegible]
Dominion	47[illegible]	47[illegible]	Nike	41[illegible]	39[illegible]	Wal-Mart	46	44[illegible]
Donnelley	43[illegible]	43[illegible]	NL Indstrs	16[illegible]	15[illegible]	Waste Mgmt	38	37[illegible]
Dover	38[illegible]	38[illegible]	Nordstrom	45[illegible]	44[illegible]	Wells Fargo	70[illegible]	69[illegible]
Dow Chem	54[illegible]	53[illegible]	Norflk Sthn	46[illegible]	46	Westg Elec	27[illegible]	28[illegible]
Dow Jones	29	27[illegible]	Norwest	28[illegible]	28[illegible]	Weyerhsr	28	27[illegible]
Dresser Ind	19	19[illegible]	Nthn St Pwr	34[illegible]	33[illegible]	Whirlpool	31[illegible]	31[illegible]
Du Pont	47[illegible]	46[illegible]	Nthn Telcm	37[illegible]	36[illegible]	Whitman	13[illegible]	13
Duke Pwr	28[illegible]	27[illegible]	NY Times	25	24[illegible]	Winn-Dixie	37[illegible]	37[illegible]
Dun Bradst	47	46[illegible]	Nynex	74[illegible]	73[illegible]	Woolworth	31[illegible]	30[illegible]
East Kodak	41[illegible]	40[illegible]	Occid Petrl	22[illegible]	22	Wrigley	59[illegible]	59
Eaton	63	64[illegible]	Ohio Edi	18[illegible]	18[illegible]	Wrner-Lamb	73	72[illegible]
Emerson El	47[illegible]	47[illegible]	Oracle Sys	8[illegible]	9	Xerox	55[illegible]	54[illegible]

The Leeds applies for ruling on tax

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

THE Leeds Permanent Building Society applied to the High Court yesterday for a judicial review to declare illegal the rate of tax paid on savings for the four years to April last year.

If the society is successful, billions of pounds collected from banks and building societies during that time may have to be returned. The application is the latest round in a battle by building societies to recover £250 million of double taxation on savings, which they say occurred when the system of collecting composite rate tax was reformed in 1986 to bring building societies into line with banks.

The Leeds claims that, if clause 52 of the Finance Bill becomes law, preventing societies from applying to the courts for the return of the £250 million, the calculations for composite rate tax for the period the money was paid "must have been unlawful".

The Woolwich Building Society took a case to the House of Lords in October and won a refund of £70 million on the grounds that it had been taxed twice. In May, the Court of Appeal ruled that the Woolwich was entitled to interest on the refunded money from the date it was paid.

The Leeds is reclaiming £57 million it says was taken in double taxation.

The government maintains that no double taxation has taken place, despite the House of Lords ruling.

The Leeds was given two years to pay its additonal tax bill. Other societies were allowed up to four years to pay. The Leeds argues, therefore, that extra tax was received over four years.

The Treasury, in fixing the composite rate tax, has a duty under section 26 of the 1984 Finance Act to ensure tax neutrality. If it did not take the additional £250 million into account, CRT would have been set at too high a rate, the Leeds argues.

The society hopes its action will be approved before the summer recess. The case would not be heard before 1992. Mike Blackburn, the chief executive, said that if the society lost, it might still consider taking the case to the European Court.

The Inland Revenue declined to comment.

STOCK MARKET

Shares surge back above 2,500

SHARE prices surged back above the 2,500 level with investors still pinning their hopes on a cut in base rates tomorrow of as much as a full percentage point.

A rise of more than 500 points overnight in Tokyo set the early pace in London where some bears are starting to feel the squeeze in the wake of this week's strong gains. The FT-SE 100 index closed just below its best of the day with a rise of 20.5 to 2,508.4 while turnover picked up to about 534 million shares. The FT index of 30 shares added 12.7 at 1,918.1. Government securities met profit-taking and finished with falls of £¼ at the longer end.

Cable and Wireless rose 14p to 578p. Both James Capel and Warburg Securities are believed to be singing C&W's praises. **British Telecom**, its rival, was also a firm market, adding 8p to 373p.

BP advanced by a further 4p to 343p before tomorrow's City presentation to discuss its upstream activities, including its latest oil find in the Colombian foothills. By the close of business, a total of 7.3 million shares had changed hands. **Lasmo** eased 2p to 341p as analysts apparently discounted the details of its latest North Sea oil find — its biggest to date.

BICC rose another 6p to 446p — making a two-day advance of 14p — still benefiting from a buy recommendation from Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker.

Tony Ryan, an Irish businessman, has disposed of his near 5 per cent holding in the **Bank of Ireland**, down 10p at 164p, and resigned from the board. His 17.1 million shares were placed by BZW at 162p each. **GEC** rose 3¼p to 190p despite a seller of 3 million shares at 184½p.

Eurocamp, the self-drive caravans and camping holidays group, started life at a premium after the £24.8 million offer for sale and placing. Opening at 225p, the shares closed at 228p.

Scottish Television soared 48p to 393p after the news that the company had offered only £1 million to renew its independent television franchise. **Reuters** rose 29p to 782p after its main rival, Telerate, reported some better than expected trading news overnight. Reuters has launched a service monitoring the price movements of American government securities in a move to break Telerate's virtual monopoly.

SD-Scicon, the electronics group, rose 3p to 51p with the speculators looking for an increased offer from EDS. The stores sector received a boost from the better than expected annual figures from **Dixons**, 5p dearer at 219p. Pre-tax profits were £1.6 million ahead at £81.7 million. Analysts had been expecting a further setback.

The rise was achieved despite difficulties in America and further stock write-offs.

Marks and Spencer cheered shareholders with a positive statement at the annual meeting. The group said that sales of clothing in the first quarter had been hit by the poor weather but it still felt no need to hold its usual summer sale until the end of this month. Sales of food have been more resilient to the recession and M&S hopes to open 40 stores in Europe as quickly as possible. Christmas trading is expected to be "extremely profitable".

Elsewhere, there were gains for **Boots**, 6p to 387p, **Kingfisher**, 2p to 496p, **Ratners**, 3p to 147p, **Sears**, 1½p to 76½p, and **WH Smith A**, 6p to 385p.

Manweb, the electricity distributor, hardened by 3p to 248p after exceeding by 12 per cent the profits forecast made at the time of its flotation.

Rival South Wales Electricity saw its pre-tax profits more than double to £58.1 million — 26 per cent up on the privatisation forecast.

The decision by President Bush to lift sanctions against South Africa was good news for British companies with interests there. **RTZ** rose 10p to 578p and **Delta** 9p to 369p.

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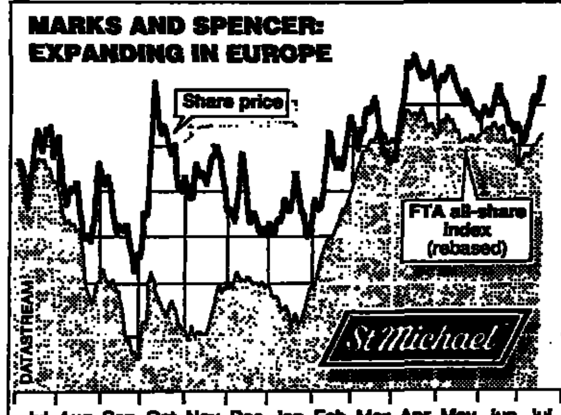

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	2974.28 (+27.06)*
S&P Composite	379.72 (+3.61)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	23121.30 (+512.34)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3901.23 (−2.96)
FT-SE Euro 100	1109.33 (+6.92)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	93.1 (+0.3)
Sydney: AO	1542.8 (+4.0)
Frankfurt: DAX	1634.74 (+7.11)
Brussels:	
General	5728.37 (+4.58)
Paris: CAC	463.05 (+0.98)
Zurich: SKA Gen	540.4 (+4.7)
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	1197.17 (+7.97)
FT.— "500"	1330.13 (+9.36)
FT. Gold Mines	222.7 (+4.3)
FT. Fixed Interest	93.55 (−0.02)
FT. Govt Secs	84.86 (−0.08)
Bargains	27146
SEAQ Volume	534.1m
USM (Datastream)	126.74 (−0.29)

*Denotes latest trading price

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

STEWART & WIGHT (Fin)
Pre-tax: £310,303
EPS: 263.76p (206.88p)
Div: 105p (90p)

Last time's profit was £252,378. Rental income rose from £296,777 to £330,979. Modest increase in rentals expected this year.

TOTAL SYSTEMS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £102,768
EPS: 0.74p (loss 0.08p)
Div: Nil

Loss last year was £6,722. Sales rose from £1.78m to £2.04m and have continued to increase in the first weeks of current year.

HARRIS (PHILIP) (Fin)
Pre-tax: £0.87m (£1.4m)
EPS: 10.03p (10.57p)
Div: 3.75p, mkg 5.75p

Last year's dividend was 5.75p. Net asset value held at 127p a share. Exceptional charges of £314,000 against reorganisation costs.

MISKIN GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: Loss £1.53m
LPS: 9.2p
Div: Nil (1.375p)

Previous year's profit was £559,000. Earnings per share were 4.5p. Results include deductions of £374,000.

CARDIFF PROPERTY (Int)
Pre-tax: £18,474
EPS: 0.36p (2.25p)
Div: 0.85p (0.85p)

Last time's profits were £55,965. Rental income was £271,487, against £248,022 in the previous year.

M&G DUAL TRUST (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.34m (£2.25m)
EPS: 30.55p (29.42p)
Div: 30.55p (29.4p)

Directors forecast a final dividend of at least 38.28p for 1991, which would make 68.83p for the year.

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls			Puts		
		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyons.	500	36	56	68	3	10	16
(*532)	550	5	26	40	23	32	37
	600	1	10½	20	70	72	72
ASDA	80	11	13	15	2	4	5½
(*88)	90	4	6½	9½	6	9½	11
	100	1½	3	5½	14	16	17
Bass	880	55	92	-	2	15	-
(*927)	929	18	58	-	17	33	-
	977	3	32	-	52	60	-
Boots	330	61	71	75	1	2	3
(*390)	360	32	45	50	1½	4½	8
	390	7	24	31	8	15	19
Br Airways.	140	24	29	32	1	3½	5
(*164)	160	7	15	20	5	9	12
	180	1½	7	10	19	21	24
BP	300	44	46	50	1	2	4
(*343)	330	15	25	30	2½	8	11½
	360	2½	9	14	20	25	28
Br Steel	120	7	8	10	5	7½	9
(*126)	130	1½	3	5½	12	13½	16
	140	½	1	3½	22	23	24
C & W	500	71	88	100	1	5	8
(*574)	550	26	50	65	5	14	23
	600	2	23	38	35	40	46
CU	460	63	68	82	1	5½	8
(*519)	500	25	38	54	3	15	19
	550	2	15	28	33	44	47
Courtauld	360	67	78	85	1	3½	5½
(*425)	390	37	52	61	2	7½	12
	420	12	32	42	8	18	23
GKN	300	30	34	-	1½	9	-
(*326)	330	7	17	27	10	24	27
	360	1½	7	16	36	45	47
Grand Met.	700	68	82	103	2	10	20
(*762)	750	24	49	70	8	28	39
	800	4	27	45	40	57	65
ICI	1200	110	135	165	3	23	35
(*1299)	1250	65	100	133	9	38	52
	1300	30	72	104	23	62	75
Kingfisher	460	40	59	75	2	11	15
(*497)	500	10	34	49	13	26	32
	550	1	14	27	57	58	60
Ladbroke	228	28	36	41	1½	6	9
(*245)	240	10	23	29	4	12	17
	260	2	11	21	18	25	29
Land Sec	460	25	41	49	3	8	12
(*478)	500	2½	17	27	24	27	33
	550	1	4½	9	73	73	74
M & S	240	19	29	35	1½	4	6½
(*258)	260	4	14½	22	6½	11	14
	280	1	6½	13	24	25	27
Sainsbury	326	35	47	54	1	4½	7
(*360)	356	10	25	34	6	13	17
	386	1	11	20	29	30	33
Shell	460	65	72	78	1	4	6
(*523)	500	26	40	53	2	14	19
	550	2	12	27	33	43	45
Smkl Bech	750	67	90	106	2	11	17
(*803)	800	22	53	75	11	28	35
	850	4	29	50	46	53	59
Storehse	100	8	15	-	2	5	-
(*107)	110	2½	8	-	6	8	-
	120	1	5	7	15	15	17
Trafalgar	200	40	48	-	1	4½	-
(*238)	220	21	33	39	2	9½	17
	240	6½	21	27	9½	18	27
Ultramar	280	5	14	23	10	18	20
(*276)	300	2	7	14	28	32	35
	330	1½	3	7	58	58	60
Unilever	650	119	137	-	1	2	-
(*764)	700	78	90	105	2	5½	9½
	750	25	55	72	6	18	25
	800	2	25	43	40	45	50
Utd Bisc	330	61	69	73	1	2½	4
(*389)	360	32	42	51	1	7	11
	390	8½	22	32	8	18	23
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA	390	41	54	-	4	7½	-
(*423)	420	20	34	42	12	17	22
	460	5½	15	23	39	40	45
BAT Ind	600	137	160	-	1	3	-
(*749)	650	110	110	132	2	7	10
	700	63	72	95	7	17	21
	750	25	40	60	23	36	40
BTR	360	34	38	49	4½	11	14
(*385)	390	13	20	31	15	24	27
	420	3½	9½	18	39	44	48
Br Aero	550	38	52	67	9	22	28
(*567)	600	12	26	42	37	47	55
	650	3	11	24	85	88	90
Br Telecm.	330	45	48	54	1½	3½	6
(*373)	360	18	27	34	8½	12	15
	390	4½	13	19	28	30	32
Cadbury	330	58	65	75	1	3	5½
(*383)	360	32	41	53	5	9½	15
	390	13	25	35	16	22	25
Guinness	900	74	97	122	6	18	23
(*959)	950	38	65	90	20	35	40
	1000	16	40	65	50	58	62
GEC	180	8	13	17	5½	8	10
(*191)	200	1½	4½	7½	22	22½	23½
	220	1	2	3½	42	42	42
Hanson	200	13	20½	23	3	6½	11
(*207)	220	5½	9	12½	15	16½	22
	240	1	3½	6	34	34½	36
LASMO	300	47	55	65	1½	-	9
(*341)	330	21	35	45	11	16	19
	360	7	18	30	28	32	35
P & O	500	55	62	72	5½	14	20
(*541)	550	21	30	44	25	38	42
	600	5½	14	24	65	75	77
Pilkington	140	16	23	26	3½	7	9
(*151)	160	6	12	15	13	18	20
	180	2	6	9	31	31	34
Prudential	220	21	25	31	3	7	9
(*234)	240	8½	13½	21	11	16	19
	260	2½	7	-	27	30	-

	Series	Calls			Puts		
		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Racal	200	20	28	36	4	8	11
(*214)	220	8½	16	23	14	17	28
	240	3½	9	15	28	31	33
RTZ	500	85	92	105	1½	6	10
(*578)	550	40	52	78	8	19	24
	600	14	26	43	30	40	41
Scot New	360	40	46	52	4	9	12
(*394)	390	15	26	34	15	22	26
	420	4½	14	20	38	40	43
Tesco	253	33	-	-	1½	-	-
(*280)	280	11	18	28	8½	12	13
	300	3	9½	17	22	23	25
Thames W.	280	15	26	31	5	10	13
(*287)	300	5	14	28	18	28	24
	330	1	5	8	45	47	47
Lucas	120	12½	-	-	3½	-	-
(*127)	130	7	11	14	8½	13	15
	140	3	7	9½	15	19	21
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Fisons	460	42	59	70	2	8	13
(*499)	500	10	33	45	11	22	28
	550	2	13	25	54	54	55
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat.	260	27	35	41	4½	7	10
(*281)	280	13½	23	29	12	15	18
	300	6	13	-	25	27	-
Amstrad	45	8	9½	11	3	5	6
(*48)	50	4½	6	8½	6	8	9
	60	1½	3½	5½	13	14	15
Barclays	420	31	46	57	12	16	22
(*444)	460	11	25	35	33	37	41
	500	4½	12½	-	66	68	-
Blue Circ	220	37	41	49	4	7	8½
(*248)	240	21	28	36	9½	14	17
	260	10	18	26	21	24	26
Br Gas	200	50	-	-	1	-	-
(*248)	220	30	32	34	2½	4	6½
	240	11	17½	21	8	10½	14
	260	4	9	12½	24	24	26
Dixons	180	41	45	-	1½	3	-
(*220)	200	23	29	36	4½	8	10
	220	11	19	24	12	17	19
Eurotunnel	420	50	65	78	15	22	27
(*448)	460	28	45	57	32	40	42
	500	14	28	40	55	62	67
Forte	220	29	-	-	3	-	-
(*242)	240	15	20	26	8	13	15
	260	6	11	17	21	24	26
Glaxo	1200	104	134	165	28	41	50
(*1258)	1250	70	104	133	50	62	70
	1300	45	80	107	77	87	95
Hawker	500	48	62	73	18	28	35
(*523)	550	23	37	49	42	55	58
	600	9	20	33	83	88	95
Hillsdown	200	37	42	48	2	4	6½
(*229)	220	21	27	35	7	10	13
	240	10	16	23	16	20	22
	260	4½	9½	-	32	34	-
Lonrho	240	15	23	26	10½	14	21
(*250)	260	7	12½	16	24	26	34
	280	3	8	-	41	43	-
Midland	180	16	24	29	8	11	13
(*187)	200	6½	14	18	20	22	24
	220	2½	7½	11	37	37	39
	240	1	3½	-	57	57	-
Reuter	700	103	127	146	9	19	26
(*782)	750	65	93	113	25	35	42
	800	37	64	85	47	58	68
	850	18	42	-	80	90	-
R-Royce	140	12½	17	22	5	8	10
(*147)	160	4½	8	11	17½	20	21½
	180	1½	3	-	36	38	-
Sears	70	10	12	13	2	3	4½
(*77)	80	4½	6½	8½	6	8	9
	90	1½	2½	-	14	15	-
Thorn EMI	650	92	94	105	6	13	17
(*738)	700	42	60	74	21	29	33
	750	16	33	48	49	56	58
	800	6	-	-	91	-	-
TSB	130	12	16	18	3½	5	6½
(*139)	140	5	10½	13	9	9½	12
	160	1½	3½	6	24	24½	25½
Vaal Reefs	70	11½	15	17	5½	7½	10
(*$77)	80	6½	11	12½	10	12½	15½
Wellcome	600	124	137	152	4	10	15
(*708)	650	82	100	117	13	22	28
	700	48	68	88	27	40	47
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastrn Elec	160	32	32	32	2	4½	6½
(*195)	180	12	16	20	7	12	15
	200	3	7½	11	24	24	27
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Nat Power.	130	13	15	18	5	7	8
(*141)	140	6	9	13½	10	11½	13
	160	1½	4	6	26	26	27
Scot Power.	100	10½	14	-	3½	5½	-
(*105)	110	5½	10	-	8½	10	-
	120	3	6	-	17	18	-

FT-SE INDEX (*2508)

	2300	2350	2400	2450	2500	2550
Calls						
Jul	226	178	129	88	46	22
Aug	237	192	148	110	75	48
Sep	237	195	172	129	102	70
Oct	250	208	181	149	125	89
Dec	295	—	215	—	158	—
Puts						
Jul	3	4	6	12	24	54
Aug	9	11	18	27	44	71
Sep	14	20	27	37	60	86
Oct	20	28	38	50	75	99
Dec	43	—	56	—	88	—

July 10, 1991 Total: 19476 Calls 10038 Puts 9438 FT-SE: Calls 2383 Puts 3317

*Underlying security price.

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Oftel wants to limit BT profits

COMMENT

Regulators of privatised industries are busy adapting to the new political climate in which utilities have no friends. The possibility of a Labour government being elected within the year also has to be borne in mind by those wishing to keep their offices or to succeed Sir Gordon Borrie in the top regulator's job at the Office of Fair Trading.

Even so, Sir Bryan Carsberg, the pioneering director general of the Office of Telecommunications, does seem to be bending a little far. In a speech yesterday that was as sensible in its general tone as might be expected from this thoughtful regulator, Sir Bryan suddenly went off at a bizarre tangent. An arrangement for sharing BT's "surplus profits" between shareholders and customers might, he mused, be considered at the next price review.

Surplus profit is not a phrase that has had much currency over the past decade and seems something of a throwback to the Labour manifesto of 1983. In this case, surplus profit seems to be profit above what a regulator predicted when he set price controls, whether earned by some quirk of regulatory bureaucracy, such as RPI inflation being above cost inflation, or by the efforts of BT's directors and management in productivity, marketing, finance or non-regulated activities. Importantly, however, Oftel does not regard BT's latest profits as excessive in terms of expected rate of return.

Sir Bryan is also diversifying into the corporate governance trade. Shareholders might think that the pay of BT's directors was purely a matter for them. But this is not the case for a company that includes a regulated utility. Sir Bryan says directors pay *must* be considered in setting price controls since it *could* result from monopoly power. Twisted logic has been necessary for Sir Bryan to board this fashionable political bandwagon, however reluctant he claims he was to do so.

The chairman's pay is, admittedly, a cost, but it is wholly insignificant in terms of BT's turnover, as Sir Bryan admits, and a small fraction of the cost of regulation. Quite why pay should result from monopoly power is unclear since the market for executives is not related to the market for telephone calls. The pay of heads of privatised utilities, including BT, is generally lower than that in comparably sized unregulated companies.

In principle, it should not require so much skill and application to run a monopoly profitably, but this is by no means the case if you have Oftel breathing down your neck. Shareholders might feel that is for them to decide if they want directors with the special skills now needed to run a regulated industry and, indeed, to make some surplus profits.

Regulators are there to promote competition and protect customers from the excesses of monopoly suppliers. They should stick to their task. The danger of coming to see the regulated company as an enemy to be harried continuously may now be as great as the expected danger of the regulator being captured by the industry.

Pay puzzle

The bizarre and as yet unexplained about-turn by Bryan Weston, chairman of Manweb, over executive pay seems to offer confirmation of some of the darker rumours doing the rounds in the electricity industry of late.

Mr Weston said, quite publicly, that the industry had pressed the government to include the 1990-91 salaries, the very same that have triggered an almighty row this summer, in the prospectus drawn up last autumn.

But the government chose instead to include the more anodyne figures relating to the period when the industry was in government hands. The difference between the two is enormous, if hardly surprising; in Mr Weston's case, and it was not the biggest jump, £157,000 now against just £62,270 then.

Mr Weston then retracted his story, denied any government pressure and added that the new figures had not even been available when the prospectus went to press, a line also taken by the Department of Energy.

Quite possibly this is true, but it would certainly have been easy to give a clearer view of prospective salaries, given that reviews were then already under way, than was provided.

The true figure was not even revealed by the distributors with their 1990-91 preliminaries, despite frequent questioning. It is tempting to conclude that the government, Mr Weston's retraction notwithstanding, was keen to see the truth come out well after the industry was privatised and in a position to take the blame, and ideally after the end of the current Parliamentary session.

John Baker and Ed Wallis at the two generators may therefore have done hard-pressed executives everywhere a favour when they decided to reveal all. Mr Major, for all the government's talk of an enterprise culture, seems to be unclear what message he wishes to give on the subject of fair rewards for responsibility in the private sector. His condemnation of "excessive" pay increases was made in the context of a catching up process after privatisation that was approved by his own advisers.

If indeed the government then tried to delay public knowledge of what that meant in detailed terms, the affair smacks of indecision and the worst kind of political manoeuvring.

Is the fraud office pricing itself out of the market?

SINCE its formation three years ago, the Serious Fraud Office has at times found itself involved in controversy equal to the stir created by some of the suspects it pursues.

Overall, its success rate since 1988 has been impressive: in the course of 60 trials, the prosecution has secured a conviction against 89 out of the 129 defendants. In the year to last April, however, less than half of those 49 defendants who entered a not guilty plea were convicted.

Barbara Mills QC, the SFO's director, would naturally like to see the success rate rise but she pointed out yesterday that there were often factors outside the SFO's control which prejudiced the case; witnesses who do not perform well in court, for example.

Her argument has a hollow ring, however, considering that it is the SFO's responsibility to produce, where possible, sound witnesses rather than depend in an important and expensive case on the evidence of a someone who behaves capriciously.

Most of the controversy surrounding the fraud office centres on its handling of the big, headline-grabbing cases. Certainly, the SFO's profile has increased with the size of the cases it has been handling and the widespread havoc they have caused. Recent obvious examples include the collapse of Polly Peck International, Barlow Clowes and Dunsdale Securities. Just this week, the SFO has waded into the Bank of Credit and Commerce International debacle, which, so far, has resulted in the freezing of 120,000 bank accounts, mostly belonging to individuals and small firms.

Raids, such as those at Polly Peck and TC Coombes, the stockbroker, capture the public imagination, as did the dawn arrests of the defendants in the Blue Arrow case, but it is the knock-on effects of such moves which cause most concern. Share prices inevitably slump and customer switch their business elsewhere, in some cases well before any charges have been laid.

Co-operative: Barbara Mills wants closer foreign links

There has also been some private grumbling surrounding the type of cases the SFO is tending to take. Some criminal lawyers and senior police officers feel the SFO is too inflexible in its case selection.

At the moment, the money lost in a case of fraud must amount to at least £2 million before the SFO will consider opening an investigation. Yesterday, Mrs Mills said it was likely that this cut-off level would be raised.

One lawyer who has worked with, and opposite, the SFO on several cases said the complexity of commercial fraud needs specialised attention from the interdisciplinary staff of which the SFO is so proud. A partner in a leading criminal law firm, he said: "The crown prosecution service has some accountants working there, but it possesses none of the peculiar statutory powers of the SFO. Often the only way to make a crucial breakthrough is to exercise the powers available under section 2, which unlock information that institutions are prevented from revealing by other legislation."

Section 2 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987 empowers the SFO to require people to produce documents or provide information quickly and without the normal due process of the law.

Indeed, in 1990-1, the number of section 2 notices increased sharply from 574 to 765, reflecting both the increase in the size of the cases being handled and the fact that most of the cases the SFO now deals with come to it directly rather than as a result of investigations by the crown prosecution service.

Mrs Mills said of all the section 2 notices issued during the past year, 73 per cent went to banks, accountants and similar professionals who must be served with the notice before they are released from their normal duties of confidentiality to clients.

Some of the SFO's powers, including use of the section 2 notice, are being challanged in court. Of particular concern is the interaction between the powers of the regulatory authorities, particularly the trade and industry department, and the SFO.

If the fraud office announces soon it will no longer look at cases where losses are less than £5 million, and many observers think this is already the case unofficially, there will be some concern that these matters may be much too difficult for the crown prosecution service to investigate without similar disclosure powers. The complexity of tha fraud does not necessarily decrease in line with the amount of money lost.

Another matter of concern is the SFO's reluctance to start an investigation under its own steam. All its cases, past and present, have been referred by other parties.

Clearly, funding and manpower have a great influence on what the SFO does; however, considering the growing size of the matters under its aegis, surely other instances of suspected fraud are uncovered during these investigations. One example of this is Barlow Clowes' use of BCCI banking facilities.

It is easy with hindsight to highlight this particular instance, but considering the much praised increase in international co-operation between regulators and enforcers, fostered especially by Mrs Mills since she assumed control of the SFO last September, it is surprising that the British authorities were not alerted earlier to the potential danger lurking within an international bank, which already had acknowledged links with money laundering.

Mrs Mills herself emphasises new, closer links with overseas regulators, particularly since most of the cases they deal with have "international ramifications". It would be useful if the fraud office could start investigations on its own initiative after being tipped-off by its foreign counterparts. This might be one way of preventing another BCCI taking the City by "surprise".

ANGELA MACKAY

State subsidies to Bull under fire

Frustration growing in Brussels: Sir Leon Brittan

GROUPE Bull, the French state-owned computer maker, is facing an official enquiry by the European Commission. At issue is a proposed scheme whereby the company would receive Fr2.6 billion in government subsidies and a further Fr4 billion through an increase in capital, to be paid in equal instalments this year and next.

The decision was announced yesterday by Sir Leon Brittan, EC vice president and head of competition policy, and marks growing frustration by the authorities in Brussels over French industrial policy.

The decision to investigate followed a meeting of the full commission and was not taken unanimously. Among those who opposed it was Jacques Delors, the EC president.

The enquiry will establish whether the proposed subsidy is legal, or whether it is likely to lead to a distortion in the market, particularly when the rest of Europe's computer industry is facing a severe downturn in demand. Some of Europe's computer makers, including ICL, a British-based and Japanese-owned firm, have condemned the subsidies.

France has one of the largest proportions of state-owned firms of all EC countries, including the country's two top electronics manufacturers, Bull and Thomson, which specialises in consumer electronics and chip making. Thomson, which has adopted a high risk strategy through its investment in a European standard for high-definition television, has also been promised increased subsidies.

The investigation marks a toughening in the attitude by the commission towards the French government, led by Edith Cresson, an outspoken interventionist and proponent of massive help for Europe's electronics industry to fend off Japanese dominance.

The Bull enquiry follows last year's decision by the EC to force Renault, the state-owned French car manufacturer, to repay a portion of unfair state aid. The decision came under fire from all sides. To some it amounted to intervention in national policy, to others it did not go far enough.

But unlike the car industry in early 1990, which was then relatively healthy, the difficult financial state of Europe's computer industry will make the commission's task even more difficult and more controversial, whatever the ruling.

There is a traditional difficulty in assessing the fairness of capital increases for state-owned companies. Bull is undergoing a substantial restructuring, involving staff losses of more than 20 per cent, and argues that the capital increase is necessary to help this move.

The investigation will amount to the most difficult test case so far for the EC's policy on state aid

Furthermore, the commission needs to decide whether the Fr4 billion increase in capital would also have been granted had the company been in private ownership, under the so-called commercial investor principle. This condition is usually satisfied if the state-controlled company has a minority shareholder from the private sector, as was the case with Renault, which has a cross-shareholding agreement with Volvo. The Swedish company participated in the capital increase for Renault.

The main large private shareholder in Groupe Bull will soon be NEC, the Japanese computer maker, after a decision announced on Tuesday under which NEC can swap a stake in Bull's American subsidiary for a 4.7 per cent stake in the parent company. If, as one might expect, NEC as a minority shareholder were to participate in the capital increase, the commission could find it difficult to declare the Fr4 billion subsidy illegal.

Research and development subsidies, in the Fr2.6 billion, are legal under EC rules as long as a sufficiently large proportion goes into generic — not company or product specific — research. It is in this area where the commission has a better chance to prevail with a tougher attitude.

For the commission, the investigation at Bull will amount to the most difficult test case for its state aid policy so far. Whatever the outcome, be it a ruling against or for Bull or, more likely, a compromise, it is certain to come under bitter criticism, probably from all sides.

WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

European Business Correspondent

Dixons more than survives

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WITH its modest dividend tweak, Dixons has thumbed its corporate nose at the high street recession. Coming on the day when Marks and Spencer shareholders met to hear that their company was coping with the tough conditions, it confirmed that, given the combination of the right merchandise and the right cost controls, retailers can aim higher than mere survival, even in the current climate.

In raising pre-tax profits from £80.1 million to £81.7 million, Dixons is finally harvesting the fruits of the cost-cutting strategy sown over the past three years. Improved systems, product mix changes and better buying terms have stretched margins in both the Dixons chain and the Currys out-of-town stores, gleaning maximum benefit from a second half, year-on-year sales increase.

This has been achieved against a weakening market: white goods sales fell 9 per cent in the 12 months.

UK retail profits, up 61 per cent at £54 million, were buoyed by a 15 per cent surge in extended warranty sales. More than 1 million policies were sold.

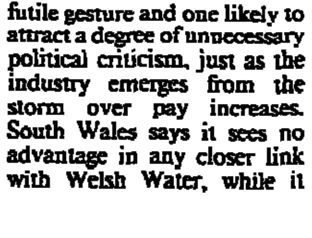
Dixons says claims for breakdowns in electronic equipment are rising, but it remains confident enough to transfer to profits a same-again £10 million from its warranty liability pool. These funds, totalling £94.6 million at year-end, are included in a balance sheet figure of £320 million, but even without them, the £251 million debt is almost matched by cash.

Investing the cash ensured net investment income of £11.9 million (£1.8 million), helping to compensate for the two disaster areas, property and American retailing.

Dixons has wound down its United Kingdom property business to a minimum until conditions improve, and is capable of improving the return on its American investment as the local economy revives. In Britain, it has proved its ability to tread water until new products such as high definition television lead it out of the recession. County NatWest expects unchanged profits of £82 million this year, but £115 million next, for earnings of 17.9p. The 220p share price is well underpinned.

S Wales Elec/ Manweb

SOUTH Wales Electricity may claim that its decision to lift its maiden dividend above the level suggested in last November's prospectus, making it the only distributor to do so, has nothing to do with the 14.9 per cent hostile stake by Welsh Water. But the City is drawing the opposite conclusion.



Weston: Manweb caution

If the sceptics are right, the raised dividend looks like a futile gesture and one likely to attract a degree of unnecessary political criticism, just as the industry emerges from the storm over pay increases. South Wales says it sees no advantage in any closer link with Welsh Water, while it seems inconceivable, Jaguar notwithstanding, that a government of any hue would allow a hostile assault.

The distributors' reporting season is over, and pre-tax profits from the 12 in the 1990-1 financial year have exceeded the prospectus forecasts by a total of £212.4 million, despite the decisions by some to take far higher than expected provisions against anything from the Barber pension case to their restructuring and redundancy costs. The reasons for the overrun are clear; the forecasts were made pre-Gulf war, amid fears of oil at $100 a barrel and after three mild winters had depressed demand.

South Wales made pre-tax profits of £58.1 million, against the £45.9 million forecast, even though it is little exposed to the supply business that has provided much of the extra earnings for other distributors. Equally cautious on supply is Manweb, headed by Bryan Weston, where pre-tax profits of £59 million compare with a forecast of £52.5 million despite the decision to take more than £10 million in extra provisions for redundancy costs.

The sector has seen some healthy rises since the reporting season started three weeks ago. Still around where they started are Manweb and Yorkshire. The electricity package is 143p higher at £21.63.

South Wales offers the lowest prospective yield, just 5.9 per cent, which is not attractive unless investors believe, against the evidence, that a bid is in the offing. Manweb is another low yielder, at 6.3 per cent prospective. There are better buys elsewhere in the sector, although holders should remember the forthcoming perks.

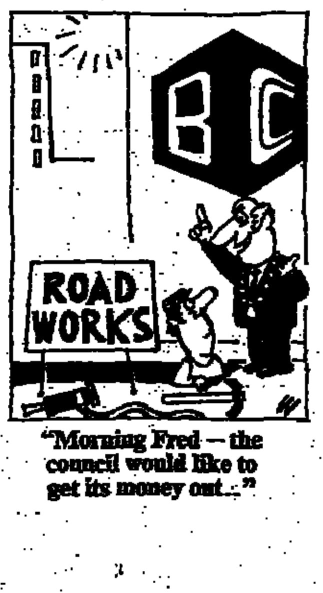
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Changing faces in mining team

THE face of Credit Lyonnais Laing's mining team is changing. The stockbroking firm, formerly Laing & Cruickshank, last week waved goodbye to Andrew Stormonth-Darling and father and son team Ian and Andrew Wright. Ian is expected to take early retirement but the two Andrews are looking for pastures new. The departure of Stormonth-Darling, the mining specialist salesman, has a bitter irony. His father, Robin, was chairman at Laing & Cruickshank until 1985 when the group sold out to British & Commonwealth. He also has other City connections: his uncle Peter is chairman of Mercury Asset Management. Meanwhile, the French group has also been recruiting. Danielle Kadeyan has joined Credit Lyonnais Securities as head of sales and research (European equities) based in London. She was formerly vice-president European equities at Salomon Bros and comes with a formidable CV.

Excitement stakes

WHICH has the bigger kick: winning the Grand National or floating a company on the Stock Exchange? Richard Shaw, chief executive of Lowndes Lambert, the insurance broker, has done both and says the flotation wins in the excitement stakes but only by a short head. Seven years ago, Shaw's racehorse, Hello Dandy, won the Grand National. He says: "Everyone from the tea lady upwards had a bet on the horse." After the National, Shaw says he spent much of his winnings on celebrations, even though the betting started at 100-1. The flotation has proved more profitable. His 6.5 per cent stake in Lowndes is worth more than £4.4 million at the offer price, even though he is not planning to sell any shares. It is not clear whether the tea lady is backing Shaw's latest venture.



"Morning Fred — the council would like to get its money out..."

Whizzard wheeze

SPORTING types in the City who have recovered from the London Marathon may be keen to take up a new challenge in a good cause. Whizzkidz, the charity which provides wheelchairs for disabled children, wants 200 able-bodied adults to run the New York marathon on November 3 and raise money for more wheelchairs. Runners will have to raise £1,000 minimum and will receive a return fare to New York. Those who pledge £2,500 in advance will also receive accommodation, and there is a single flight on Concorde from London to New York for the runner who raises most money. Each participant will be raising money for an individual child. The wheelchairs cost between £500 and £11,000 and City whizz-kids keen on a run for their money need to apply for a training schedule before the closing date of August 31.

THE price of a hotel room in London has fallen dramatically for American visitors, thanks to the strength of the dollar. A room that cost $400 a night in February, now costs $320 according to a survey by The Savoy. Then again, if they can afford $320 a night…

Radical hobby

ANITA Roddick, managing director of Body Shop and scourge of environmental polluters and animal tormentors, has made it into the *International Who's Who* following globe trotting activities that have encompassed saving the Himalayas and the Amazon rain forests. In the new edition, published later this month, Roddick gives her hobby as "talking to radical thinkers", which will appear alongside such gems as study of the hippopotamus and going to the laundrette so beloved of other international worthies. King Michael of Romania, another new entry, ominously spends his spare time restoring second world war jeeps.

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3	Steetley	Building,Roads	
4	Wassall	Industrials S-Z	
5	Lloyds	Banks,Discount	
6	Morland	Breweries	
7	Woodside	Oil,Gas	
8	Fisons	Industrials E-K	
9	Dixons Grp	Drapery,Stores	
10	Tesco	Foods	
11	Wolseley	Industrials S-Z	
12	Granada	Industrials E-K	
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15	Trafalgar H	Industrials S-Z	
16	THORN EMI	Electricals	
17	Tarmac	Building,Roads	
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19	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
20	Leigh	Chemicals,Plas	
21	Smith WH 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
22	Macarthy	Industrials L-R	
23	Courtaulds	Industrials A-D	
24	Johnstone Press	Newspapers,Pub	
25	Blue Circle	Building,Roads	
26	Br Borneo	Oil,Gas	
27	TGH	Industrials S-Z	
28	Tibbet & Britten	Transport	
29	Turnbull Scott	Transport	
30	Thames Water	Water	
31	BICC	Electricals	
32	Graig	Transport	
33	Williams Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
34	Calor Gp	Oil,Gas	
35	Ranger	Oil,Gas	
36	Courts Furnishers	Drapery,Stores	
37	Bryant	Building,Roads	
38	Storehouse	Drapery,Stores	
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MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 89.7 (day's range 89.6-89.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 10	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3091-3.3174	3.3137-3.3174	¾-½pr	1¾-1½pr
Brussels	60.41-60.70	60.50-60.70	14-10pr	32-27pr
Copenhagen	11.3639-11.3963	11.3654-11.3886	1¾-½pr	2¾-1¾pr
Dublin	1.0995-1.1014	1.0995-1.1005	20-14pr	44-38pr
Frankfurt	2.9389-2.9453	2.9399-2.9433	¾-⅝pr	1¾-1⅝pr
Lisbon	254.13-256.62	254.33-255.30	96-130ds	215-282ds
Madrid	184.20-185.17	184.34-184.94	13-20ds	57-68ds
Milan	2184.63-2191.57	2184.83-2189.43	par-1ds	2-4ds
Montreal	1.8501-1.8640	1.8604-1.8640	0.45-0.40pr	0.80-0.72pr
New York	1.6130-1.6230	1.6220-1.6230	0.71-0.70pr	1.98-1.96pr
Oslo	11.4523-11.4953	11.4629-11.4860	1¾-½pr	2¾-1¾pr
Paris	9.9651-9.9963	9.9753-9.9866	1¾-1½pr	3¾-2¾pr
Stockholm	10.6135-10.6576	10.6257-10.6485	1¾-½pr	2¾-1¾pr
Tokyo	223.54-224.87	224.57-224.87	¾-⅝pr	2-1¾pr
Vienna	20.66-20.72	20.69-20.72	3⅝-2¾pr	10¾-7¾pr
Zurich	2.5469-2.5533	2.5474-2.5505	¾-⅝pr	2-1¾pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	15973.6-15999.7
Australia dollar	2.1058-2.1089
Bahrain dinar	0.605-0.613
Brazil cruzeiro *	511.64-512.46
Cyprus pound	0.791-0.801
Finland marka	7.08-7.09
Greece drachma	319.90-323.10
Hong Kong dollar	12.5300-12.5340
India rupee	41.69-42.09
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.5026-4.5071
Mexico peso	4850-4950
New Zealand dollar	2.8600-2.8670
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.09-6.10
Singapore dollar	2.8412-2.8447
S Africa rand (fin)	5.0806-5.1050
S Africa rand (com)	4.6806-4.6864
U A E dirham	5.9825-5.9725

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3037-1.3049
Austria	12.82-12.84
Belgium (Com)	37.50-37.54
Canada	1.1472-1.1477
Denmark	7.0480-7.0530
France	6.1750-6.1800
Germany	1.8210-1.8220
Hong Kong	7.7611-7.7621
Ireland	1.4665-1.4680
Italy	1354.0-1355.0
Japan	138.50-138.60
Malaysia	2.7880-2.7890
Netherlands	2.0500-2.0510
Norway	7.1050-7.1100
Portugal	158.07-158.27
Singapore	1.7593-1.7603
Spain	114.00-114.10
Sweden	6.5840-6.5890
Switzerland	1.5785-1.5792

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: June 28, 1991 Agreed rates July 24, 1991 to August 25, 1991 Scheme I: 12.50%. Schemes II & III: 12.53%. Reference rate June 1, 1991 to June 28, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 11.295%.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 11% Finance Hse 11½

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 12 Low 11½ Week fixed: 11¼

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 10^{23}⁄$_{32}$; 3 mth 10¾. Sell: 2 mth 10^{23}⁄$_{32}$; 3 mth: 10¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	11⅛-11	10^{15}⁄$_{16}$-10¾	10^{11}⁄$_{16}$-10¾	10^{5}⁄$_{16}$-10¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	11^{5}⁄$_{16}$-11^{3}⁄$_{16}$	11^{3}⁄$_{16}$-11^{1}⁄$_{16}$	11^{1}⁄$_{16}$-^{1}⁄$_{32}$	10¾-10⅝	10¾-10⅝
Interbank:	11⅜-11⅛	11⅛-11^{1}⁄$_{16}$	11^{1}⁄$_{16}$-11	10¾-10⅝	10¾-10⅝
(Overnight: open 12, close 11.)					
Local Authority Deps:	11^{5}⁄$_{16}$	n/a	11	10¾	10¾
Sterling CDs:	11^{7}⁄$_{32}$-11^{3}⁄$_{16}$	11⅛-11	11-10^{15}⁄$_{16}$	10¾-10^{11}⁄$_{16}$	10¾-10^{9}⁄$_{16}$
Dollar CDs:	6.03-5.96	6.05-6.00	6.12-6.07	6.42-6.37	6.85-6.80
Building Society CDs:	11^{5}⁄$_{32}$-11^{3}⁄$_{32}$	11^{3}⁄$_{16}$-11^{3}⁄$_{32}$	11^{3}⁄$_{32}$-^{1}⁄$_{16}$	10¾-10^{11}⁄$_{16}$	10^{21}⁄$_{32}$-10¾

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5^{13}⁄$_{16}$-5^{7}⁄$_{16}$	6^{1}⁄$_{16}$-5⅞	6^{3}⁄$_{16}$-6	6⅜-6^{5}⁄$_{16}$	5¾-5
Deutschemark:	8¾-8⅝	9-8⅞	9^{3}⁄$_{16}$-9^{1}⁄$_{16}$	9⅜-9¼	8⅞-7¾
French Franc:	9¾-9⅝	9⅝-9½	9⅝-9½	9⅝-9½	9¾-8⅝
Swiss Franc:	7⅞-7¾	7^{13}⁄$_{16}$-^{11}⁄$_{16}$	7^{15}⁄$_{16}$-^{13}⁄$_{16}$	7^{15}⁄$_{16}$-^{13}⁄$_{16}$	8-7
Yen:	7⅞-7¾	7^{7}⁄$_{16}$-7^{5}⁄$_{16}$	7^{9}⁄$_{16}$-7^{7}⁄$_{16}$	7^{7}⁄$_{16}$-7^{5}⁄$_{16}$	7¾-6⅝

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $368.90-369.40 Close: $370.20-370.70 High: $371.10-371.60 Low: $368.90-369.40 Krugerrand: $369.75-370.75 (£227.75-228.75)

Sovereigns: Old $87.00-88.00 (£53.50-54.50) New $86.50-87.50 (£53.00-54.00)

Platinum: $382.65 (£236.70) **Silver:** $4.40 (£2.745) **Palladium:** $95.75 (£59.25)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 31977	Sep 91	2535.0	2554.0	2526.0	2551.0	7596
	Dec 91	2568.0	2588.0	2566.0	2581.0	10
	Mar 92					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 113585	Sep 91	89.56	89.59	89.55	89.58	7544
	Dec 91	89.92	89.94	89.90	89.91	2165
	Mar 92	90.03	90.03	90.00	90.01	1164
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 28946	Sep 91	93.57	93.61	93.57	93.61	2111
	Dec 91	92.99	93.01	92.98	93.01	926
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 100925	Sep 91	90.70	90.81	90.70	90.79	16579
	Dec 91	90.77	90.85	90.77	90.83	6695
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 3617	Sep 91	92-17	92-24	92-16	92-22	1065
	Dec 91				91-31	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 39942	Sep 91	92-02	92-05	91-25	91-27	17340
	Dec 91				92-26	0
Japanese Govt Bond	Sep 91	95.10				0
	Dec 91					0
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 73511	Sep 91	84.27	84.65	84.27	84.58	32805
	Dec 91	84.51	84.79	84.51	84.76	635
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 4685	Sep 91	90.10	90.20	90.10	90.20	433
	Dec 91	90.29	90.39	90.29	90.43	21

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Jul	572-680	Jul	547-544	Aug	245.0-41.0
Sep	597-596	Sep	567-566	Oct	206.5-05.0
Dec	636-635	Nov	589-588	Dec	197.0-89.2
Mar	675-674	Jan	606-605	Mar	193.0-91.2
May	700-699	Mar	623-620	May	195.9-94.0
Jul	721-720	May	unq	Aug	198.8-97.0
Sep	741-740	Jul	unq		
Vol: 4277		Vol: 5684		Vol: 1591	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Sep	111.75	Sep	110.15	Aug	127.00
Nov	114.80	Nov	113.95	Oct	129.80
Jan	118.50	Jan	117.30	Dec	130.80
Mar	121.70	Mar	119.75	Feb	136.00
May	125.10	May	121.60	Apr	unq
Vol	186	Vol	45	Vol	25

LONDON POTATO FUTURES Volume: 202

	Open	Close
Oct (£/tonne)	unq	77.5
Apr	113.7	111.9
May	unq	128.8

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 10

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	86.26	117.49	108.21
(+/-)	-3.58	-15.52	+0.11
Eng/Wales:	86.26	118.04	107.51
(+/-)	-3.58	-14.90	+0.12
(%)	-1.4	+1.9	-1.9
Scotland:	n/a	114.92	111.49
(+/-)	n/a	-19.37	+0.17
(%)	n/a	+10.3	-5.3

** Estimated dead carcase weight*

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

July	
Open:	98.0
Close:	98.0
August	
Open:	unq
Close:	98.5
September	
Open:	unq
Close:	100.0
Volume: 34	

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 5.00pm:

With North Sea output, in July, likely to be somewhat reduced, levels strengthened.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.20	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Jul)	19.25	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Aug)	19.35	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	21.40	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	21.30	+0.30

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	240 (n/c)	243 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	180 (+3)	181 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Aug	184 (+4)	186 (+4)
Non EEC 1H Sep	unq	unq
3.5 Fuel Oil	68 (+1)	69 (+1)
Naphtha	185 (-1)	187 (-1)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Jul	181.75-81.50	Nov	184.75-84.50
Aug	180.25 SLR	Dec	185.50-85.00
Sep	182.00-81.50	Jan	182.25-81.75
Oct	183.50-83.25		Vol: 10252

BRENT

Aug	19.30-19.35	Oct	19.30-19.35
Sep	19.30-19.35		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 91	1550	1499	1499
Aug 91	1529	1480	1480
Oct 91	1582	1530	1535
Jan 92	1550	1530	1530

Vol: 306 lots Open interest: 2558

Dry cargo Index 1605 -31

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1378.0-1379.0	1392.5-1393.0	Vol: 890350
Lead (£/tonne)	337.00-337.50	345.00-345.50	67580
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1050.0-1051.5	1065.0-1066.0	249425
Tin ($/tonne)	5635.0-5645.0	5725.0-5730.0	8530
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1295.0-1296.0	1327.0-1328.0	524225
Nickel ($/tonne):	8890.0-8900.0	8790.0-8800.0	20274

FOX MGMI INDEX

(5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Jul	141.00	142.00
Aug	141.70	142.70
Sep	141.10	143.60
		Vol: 290

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The time machine man

World astronomers will use new technology to record today's eclipse of the Sun in Hawaii. Nick Nuttall finds a British scientist who will be there armed only with a stopwatch

A British researcher will be standing in a baseball practice field on the Pacific island of Hawaii later today, armed with a stopwatch, a trained observer's eye and a scientific tradition dating back to the days of Edmond Halley, the British mathematician and astronomer of comet fame.

After a brief ceremony, in which, as tradition demands, the turf will be claimed temporarily for the British Empire, Dr John Parkinson will attend to the serious business of peering east over the little volcano of Hualala.

In his sights will be the rising Sun, whose face will already be partly obscured by the Moon as their orbits swing into line.

The time will be about 6.45am local time or 7.45pm London time. About 45 minutes later he and thousands of other eclipt-ophiles, who have gathered in the Hawaiian islands, should be engulfed in darkness in what astronomers are claiming is the most important eclipse for decades and possibly this century.

For more than four minutes the Moon's shadow will cast a path of night nearly 100 miles wide across Hawaii before chasing off towards the Baja Peninsula, Mexico. The darkness will cross the sprawling suburbs of Mexico City and sweep southeast into Central America and finally Colombia and Brazil.

Eclipses, celestial events in which the Moon aligns with the Sun to blot out its light, are common occurrences. At least two happen somewhere in the world every year. This one, however, is falling over a battery of astronomical hardware and is almost guaranteed to take place in clear skies. It is an event that will not be repeated in the lifetime of this generation of astronomers. The eight big telescopes on the summit of Mauna Kea and the nearby high-altitude observatory owned by the National Centre for Atmospheric Research will be trained on what will be one of the longest eclipses ever. During its fleeting, 1,000mph passage, the teams hope to gather new data on the infra-red emissions and gas eruptions on the edges of the Sun during a peak in solar activity. They also hope to confirm the existence or otherwise of bright solar dust rings, which some astronomers claim to have witnessed during previous eclipses.

Dr John Parkinson: He will use simple methods

Two rockets fitted with cameras that will stare at the event from above the Earth's atmosphere will support the observations.

Researchers with the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory will launch theirs, a Black Brant rocket equipped with an x-ray camera, from White Sands missile base in New Mexico. During a mission of 11 or 12 minutes, the camera will image rays from the Sun's corona and then parachute back to the missile base. The other rocket will be launched by the National Autonomous University of Mexico and the Florida Institute of Technology 450 miles northwest of Mexico City.

With starkly humble equipment Dr Parkinson may appear like the underfunded British scientist struggling to compete with his better supported American cousins, bristling with new technology. Nevertheless, the information that can be obtained with a stopwatch and a trained observer's skills should not be underestimated, says the British scientist, a physics and astronomy lecturer at University College London.

The technique, believed to have been introduced by Halley for the British eclipse of 1715, will allow Dr Parkinson to calculate the Sun's size with great precison. The findings, part of a ten-year research project, will be used to determine whether the Earth's star is significantly shrinking, as some French scientists claim, or is the same size as in Halley's day.

The accuracy of the observations hinge on simple trigonometry and the existence of precise measurements of the distances of the Moon and Sun from the Earth.

Back in Britain Dr Parkinson will also have to make complicated adjustments for the mountains on the Moon using a system called the Limb profile. Depending on the Moon's position at the time of the event, the mountains can make the eclipse last fractions of a second longer or shorter, misrepresenting the Sun's size.

The accuracy of the method also depends on being able to record precisely the duration of the eclipse — which is why Dr Parkinson has an excellent timepiece — and knowing exactly where on the Earth's surface he is when the full shadow is cast.

Dr Parkinson has used GPS, the American global positioning satellite navigation system, to choose his location.

He points out that, although the technique may appear primitive, it has significant benefits. Telescope observations can make the Sun look bigger than it actually is because of atmospheric scattering of light. The stopwatch technique is free from these problems and can be used anywhere in the world.

In addition, the technique can draw on data collected in for almost 300 years. "I am carrying on a fine tradition dating back to 1715," Dr Parkinson says.

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How it used to be: an artist's impression shows Mayan Indians gazing in wonder at an eclipse. Today some tribes hide, fearing eclipses are dark forces trying to eat the Sun

UPDATE

Short cut to growth

A NEW method of bone extension that can lengthen legs or arms by more than 10 inches has been developed by Japanese researchers. Over the past two years the technique has been applied to 40 patients at the Tokyo university hospital who suffer from dwarfism or who have limbs of different lengths. A bone in the limb is cut in two and a one millimetre gap made. After about 20 days new bone grows to try to join the two sections together. A motor driven device is used to slowly widen the gap and keep the burden on muscle tissue at a fixed level.

Computer check

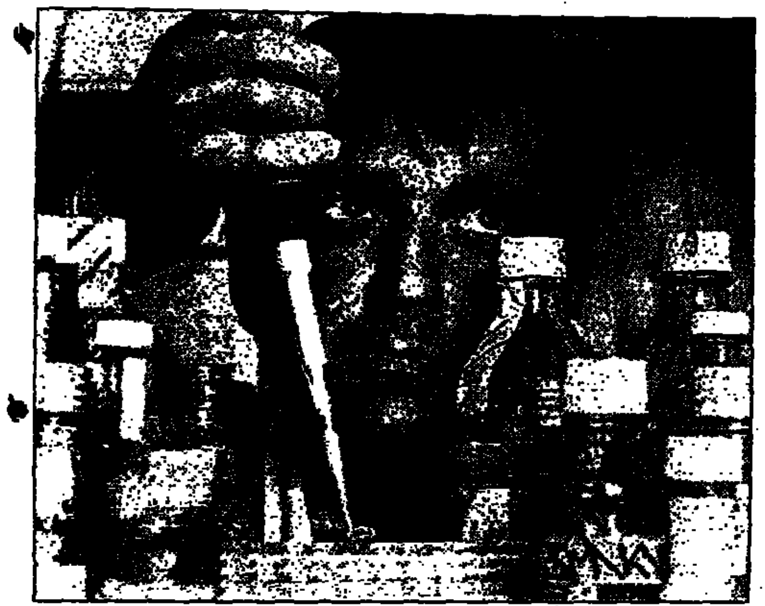
THE latest version of Deep Thought, the powerful chess computer, should be able to beat Soviet world champion Gary Kasparov by early 1994, the machine's programmer Murray Campbell predicts. The new version will use 1,000 single chip processors providing analysis of one billion positions per second. The Soviet champion beat the first Deep Thought model in two games in 1989, saying it was a duty to mankind to do so.

Complete works

FOUR-and-a-half thousand volumes of English poetry covering the work of more than 1,300 poets from 600AD until 1900 are to be stored on compact disc. So powerful is the technology, CD-ROM, which stores the text in computer format, that only four discs will be required to contain what will be more than a gigabyte of verse. The price is equally impressive at £22,000 for a complete set of the discs, which will be issued over the next three years.

Stitch in time

MINOR surgery could be made less painful by listening to music, according to an American study of 38 patients receiving stitches for minor cuts. Half the patients at the Center for Emergency Medicine in Pittsburgh were given a headset and asked to listen to music of their choice. When patients were asked to assess the overall amount of pain they had experienced, researchers found that the scores were significantly reduced in those who had listened to the music.



Breakthrough: Dr John Hardy at work in his London laboratory

Battle to beat the brain drain

As public attention is drawn to Alzheimer's disease, researchers herald hope of a cure

THE long search for a cure or treatment for Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of senile dementia, is beginning to produce promising results.

Dr John Hardy, of St Mary's Hospital medical school, Paddington, west London, says that he and his colleagues have found a genetic mutation that causes a rare, inherited form of the disease.

He presented his findings last week at the annual conference of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Brighton during a discussion of the past six months' impressive developments in research into the disease that erases memory.

The mutation discovered by the researchers governs the production of amyloid, a protein that is part of the body's ageing process and forms deposits in the brains of Alzheimer's sufferers. Dr Hardy and his team believe the work will help in the understanding of all forms of the condition and should boost drug research.

This week, which has been designated "public awareness week" by the Alzheimer's Disease Society, scientists at a Medical Research Council brain bank at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, say they have found evidence of molecular changes in brain tissue that helps to distinguish mental decline from normal ageing.

"We can chemically discriminate between people who are ageing without Alzheimer's and those who are developing dementia," says Dr Claude Wischik, the head of the unit, which is working with ICI to find a drug able to keep symptoms of the disease at bay.

In April, other scientists, at the Institute of Psychiatry in southeast London, published in *The Lancet* results showing that the drug tacrine, used experimentally to treat Alzheimer's, could improve memory and mental abilities in some sufferers.

"Tacrine is by no means the complete answer, but it is an important step forward," says Raymond Levy, professor of old-age psychiatry, who led the trial.

Then last month, researchers at Toronto university showed that another treatment may also slow progression. They gave Alzheimer's patients intramuscular injections of desferrioxamine (DFO), a substance that inactivates aluminium chemically and has been found in increased concentrations in the brains of some sufferers.

Some patients were given the injections for two years. The average rate of decline in everyday living skills in the no-treatment group was twice as rapid as in those given the injections.

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Queen's Bench Divisional Court **Law Report** July 11 1991 Court of Appeal

Special reasons for not disqualifying

Director of Public Prosecutions v O'Connor
DPP v Allett
DPP v Connor
DPP v Chapman
Regina v Chichester Crown Court, Ex parte Moss
DPP v Allen

Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Leonard

[Judgment July 2]

If, without giving notice to the prosecution, a defendant sought to rely on special reasons why he should not be disqualified on conviction for driving (section 5(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1988) or having charge of a motor vehicle with more than the permitted level of alcohol in the blood (section 5(1)(b)), the prosecution should cross-examine the defendant on his failure to give notice as reflecting on his bona fides.

Unless the case was obvious, magistrates might well expect to hear expert evidence to help them decide whether to accept a defendant's claim that, unknown to him, his drinks had been laced with alcohol.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in (i) dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by the DPP against the failure of Leicester Justices to disqualify Michael O'Connor from driving; (ii) allowing his appeal against the failure of Rossendale Justices to disqualify John Allett; (iii) dismissing his appeal against the failure of Mark Cross Justices to disqualify John Connor; (iv) and allowing his appeal against the failure of Bristol Justices to disqualify Robert Chapman. All four had been convicted of drink-driving offences under section 5(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

The court also dismissed an application by Geoffrey Moss for judicial review of his disqualification by Judge Crocker at Chichester Crown Court on appeal from Chichester Justices and dismissed the DPP's appeal against the acquittal of Michael John Allen by Cambridge Justices on a charge under section 5(1)(b).

Section 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 provides: "(1) If a person (a) drives or attempts to drive a motor vehicle on a road or other public place, or (b) is in charge of a motor vehicle on a road or other public place after consuming so much alcohol that the proportion of it in his breath, blood or urine exceeds the prescribed limit he is guilty of an offence.

"(2) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (1)(b) above to prove that at the time he is alleged to have committed the offence the circumstances were such that there was no likelihood of his driving the vehicle whilst the proportion of it in his breath, blood or urine remained likely to exceed the prescribed limit."

Section 34 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 provides: "(1) Where a person is convicted of an offence involving obligatory disqualification, the court must order him to be disqualified for such period not less than 12 months as the court thinks fit unless the court for special reasons thinks fit to order him to be disqualified for a shorter period or not to order him to be disqualified."

Mr Stuart Rafferty for the DPP; O'Connor did not appear and was not represented.

Mr Charles Openshaw, QC, for the DPP; Mr Timothy King, QC and Mr Richard Bennett for Allett.

Mr James Turner for the DPP; Connor did not appear and was not represented.

Mr Ian Glen for the DPP; Mr Neil Ford for Chapman.

Mr Paul Emerson for Moss; Mr James Turner for the DPP.

Mr John Farmer for the DPP; Mr Lionel Lassman for Allen.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said all the cases, except that of Allen, were concerned with the evidence required to establish the special reasons required by section 34 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 to avoid compulsory disqualification after conviction under section 5(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

Allen's case involved the special defence under section 5(2) to being in charge of a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol over the prescribed limit under section 5(1)(b).

The cases came from various parts of the country and indicated that some magistrates required guidance as to how they should evaluate evidence in such cases.

All the cases concerned drivers whose drinks had been laced, an indication that there was irresponsible behaviour occurring which was wholly inappropriate and could give rise to danger to the public.

His Lordship drew attention to the fact that in appropriate cases it could be open to the prosecution to bring proceedings against the person responsible for lacing the drinks following *DPP v Anderson* ([1990] RTR 269).

It was clear from *R v Newton* ([1974] RTR 451) that where a defendant sought to rely on special reasons the court was required to go through a two-stage process.

It had to first determine whether there were special reasons and second, whether in its discretion it should not disqualify or disqualify for a period shorter than 12 months.

It was also clear from that case and from *Pugsley v Hunter* ([1973] RTR 284) that the onus of proof of establishing special reasons and that the court should not impose the full compulsory disqualification was on the accused but the standard of proof was on the balance of probabilities.

On the authorities it was also clearly established that the defendant had to show that his drinks had been laced without his knowledge or suspicion and that if he had not taken the laced drinks the level of alcohol in his body would not have exceeded the prescribed limit.

The cases before the court suggested that justices were not always sufficiently conscious of the relevance of expert evidence with regard to credibility.

Normally in a case where the defendant sought to rely on special reasons justices would expect to receive the help of expert evidence to determine the case.

But Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, had made it clear in *Pugsley v Hunter* that it was not necessary to have expert evidence in obvious cases. The sort of obvious case Lord Widgery had had in mind was a defendant whose blood alcohol was just above the prescribed limit.

Each case would turn on its own facts and no limit could be placed on circumstances where it would be possible for the justices to indicate that they regarded the situation as one where the result was obvious.

One of the matters Lord Widgery had dealt with was the appropriate practice which should be adopted by legal advisers to a defendant proposing to rely on special reasons.

There was the danger of a situation in which the prosecution were taken by surprise when such a defence was raised and put in a position of either putting the court and the parties to the inconvenience of an adjournment or not calling the appropriate evidence to determine the position satisfactorily.

The solution might well be that in a case where the defendant had not informed the prosecution of his intention to rely on that defence the prosecution might elicit that fact in the course of cross-examination so that the justices could consider whether the defendant's failure to give notice reflected on his bona fides.

Where a defendant did give notice, it should be possible for the prosecution to make available expert evidence which, it was to be hoped, that in the interests of saving costs the defendant's legal advisers would be willing to agree.

It was clearly desirable that adjournments be avoided both because of saving costs and the need to resolve matters relating to special reasons with reasonable expedition.

On discretion, the mere fact that special reasons were established did not mean that the normal consequences of conviction should not follow.

In cases where there was erratic driving or a substantial amount of alcohol in the defendant's bloodstream above the prescribed limit the justices would want to consider carefully whether the defendant should have appreciated that he was not in a condition where he should have driven.

Mr Justice Leonard agreed.

Solicitors: CPS, Leicester; CPS, Burnley; Harry Walker & Co, Waterfoot; CPS, East Sussex; CPS, Bristol; Bobbetts Mackan, Bristol; Charles Hill, Chichester; CPS, Brighton; CPS, Cambridgeshire; Whitelock & Storr.

Sexually explicit articles not necessarily obscene

Darbo v DPP

Before Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Hidden

[Judgment June 28]

Articles which were of a sexually exlicit nature were not necessarily articles which were obscene.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing an appeal by David John Darbo against his conviction by North Westminster Justices of wilfully obstructing a police officer in the execution of her duty, contrary to section 51(3) of the Police Act 1964, while executing a search warrant at his premises.

Mr Charles Salter for the appellant; Mr David P. Fisher for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that a warrant had been issued under section 3 of the Obscene Publications Act 1959. It had given authority to search for "any other material of a sexually explicit nature, also any material relating to the running of the business".

However, section 3 of the 1959 Act only referred to "obscene articles". It was therefore rightly argued for the appellant that the warrant had conferred powers of search far beyond those authorised by section 3.

Articles which were of sexually explicit nature were not necessarily articles which were obscene, the former being a far wider category of articles and the width of that character could not be cut down by the context of the warrant having been issued under section 3.

The point that the officers were experienced and therefore knew what to look for was not a ground for upholding the validity of a warrant which was on the face of it bad.

Mr Justice Hidden agreed.

Solicitors: Wilson Barca; CPS, Inner London.

No public right in land agreement

Attorney-general, ex rel Scotland v Barratt Manchester Ltd

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Nicholls and Lord Justice Staughton

[Judgment June 19]

An agreement between landowners and the local authority in 1934 for the preservation of land as a private open space amenity, under section 34 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1932, now section 36 of the 1990 Act, was not capable of being construed as a public right or as a charitable trust enforceable at the suit of the Attorney-general.

The 1934 agreement remained valid but the local authority were estopped from enforcing it, in respect of part of the land, because of unequivocal representations made to developers that they had abandoned all reliance on it.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the Attorney-general against a decision of Mr Justice Scott on January 19, 1990 refusing a declaration that the 1934 agreement was still valid and an injunction against Barratt Manchester Ltd, the developers.

Mr Leolin Price QC, Mr John Laws and Mr Robert Sterling for the Attorney-general and the relator Sylvia Scotland; Mr John Hoggett, QC and Mr Peter W. Smith for Barratt Manchester Ltd; Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC and Mr Nicholas Huskinson for Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that in 1934 two brothers, who owned adjoining farms at Bromley Cross near Bolton, entered into an agreement with the local authority to preserve their lands as private open spaces. Formal approval by the Minister of Health under section 34 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1932 was applied for in 1938 but was not granted prior to the war and lapsed.

In 1985 Barratts successfully appealed to the secretary of state against a refusal of planning permission for the erection of houses on 35 acres of the 100-acre site and an appeal by the local authority against that decision was dismissed.

In September 1988 the local authority gave its approval to various ancillary planning matters reserved to them by the secretary of state.

In December 1988 the local authority executed an agreement between them, the then landowners, and Barratts under section 52 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, (now section 106 of the 1990 Act) the successor to section 34 of the 1932 Act, under which the 1934 agreement had been made.

Section 52 of the 1971 Act provided: "(1) A local planning authority may enter into an agreement with any person interested in land in their area for the purpose of restricting or regulating the development or use of the land . . .

"(2) An agreement made under this section . . . may be enforced by the local planning authority against persons deriving title under that person . . .".

Following protracted negotiations, the local authority issued a press release in May 1989 announcing that after receiving legal advice they had reluctantly decided to end their five-year battle over the development and therefore Barratts would be able to build on the site.

His Lordship did not agree with Mr Justice Scott that the 1988 agreement operated, by necessary implication, to release the 35 acres from the user restrictions in the 1934 agreement.

On a strict interpretation of the terms of the agreement it did not constitute a waiver by the local authority of its rights under the 1934 agreement. That was not to say that the local authority could have sought to enforce two inconsistent covenants at the same time.

If building work had proceeded and the local authority had sought to enforce parts of the 1988 agreement incosistent with the 1934 agreement that would have been a nonsense. But that potential for inconsistent conduct stemmed from the local authority wearing two different hats and did not lead to the conclusion that by entering into the 1988 agreement they had thereby released or abandoned their existing rights under the 1934 agreement.

By the issue of their press release and, further, by deleting an entry relating to the 1934 agreement, at Barratt's request, from the local land charges register, the local authority had made an unequivocal representation to Barratt in May and June 1989 that they had abandoned all reliance on the 1934 agreement.

Equity required that they should not be able to go back upon that position unless they were prepared to make good Barratt's losses which they were not able or willing to do.

His Lordship turned to the claims put forward by the Attorney-general that there existed rights or interests, susceptible at his suit, under one or other of two heads: (i) that the 1934 agreement created a public right, and (ii) the 1934 agreement created a charitable trust.

It was unhelpful, and potentially confusing, to approach that part of the case on the footing that what was in issue was whether the Attorney-general had *locus standi*.

The only question was whether a public right existed. If such a right did not exist, the Attorney-general's claim under that head failed.

His claim failed, not because of any procedural shortcoming on his part, but because the right which he was seeking to enforce and which, if it existed, he was competent to enforce, did not exist.

Mr Price had contended that the special feature which created a public right was that the land was intended to be preserved permanently as a private open space "for the benefit and amenity of the district".

He contrasted a case (a) where the local authority had agreed to release or vary the restrictions, with (b) where there was no variation or release but the council declined to take steps to enforce the agreement for non-planning reasons: for example because of a mistaken view of the enforceability of the agreement.

He submitted that in (b) there was a residual public right which did not override the local authority's right to decide whether to vary or release the restrictions. Nor did it override the authority's planning policy. In case (b) the public had a right to enforce the agreement in default of the local authority doing so.

His Lordship could not accept that. By thus limiting its scope, one was left with a public right defined in terms which could not stand scrutiny. On that formulation the 1934 agreement generated a right vested in the public to enforce the restrictions if, but only if, the reason for non-enforcement was unrelated to planning considerations: for example, financial constraints or a mistaken view of the local authority's legal rights.

There was no sound basis for concluding that the agreement created a public right of such a curiously circumscribed nature. The agreement either operated to vest a right in the public in respect of the user restrictions or it did not.

The 1934 agreement did not expressly create a charitable trust and in his Lordship's view that could not be implied. The covenant gave the local authority the ability to control the use made of the land by the owners, present and future.

There was no reason to doubt that that would have been considered as an adequate means of protection. That it was the local authority who should have that control was made evident by the fact that, as accepted by the Attorney-general, they had power to vary or release the restrictions.

Further, the local authority acquired the benefit of the covenant in the exercise of a statutory function.

Having regard to those two circumstances, there was no place for the implication of a charitable trust in respect of the benefit of the covenant thus given to the local authority.

Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Purchas agreed that the appeal should be dismissed.

Solicitors: Lyons Wilson & Co, Manchester; Field Cunningham & Co, Manchester; Mr J. W. G. MacGregor, Bolton.

Specimen procedure not interview

Director of Public Prosecutions v D (a Juvenile)
DPP v Rous

Before Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Hidden

[Judgment June 28]

The statutory procedure under sections 7 and 8 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 for obtaining specimens from drivers suspected of driving over the alcohol limit did not constitute an interview for the purposes of Code C of the *Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (s.66) Codes of Practice.*

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held allowing appeals by the prosecution against the decisions of (i) Chippenham Justices to exclude prosecution evidence in the case of D and (ii) South Westminster Justices to exclude prosecution evidence in the case of Henrietta Rous, in both cases under section 78 of the Police and Evidence Act 1984 on the ground that such evidence was obtained contrary to Code C for the detention, treatment and questioning of persons by police officers.

Mr David P. Fisher for the prosecution in both appeals; Mr Nigel J. Ley for both respondents.

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that the issue in both appeals was whether the statutory procedure under sections 7 and 8 of the 1988 Act constituted an interview for the purposes of Code C.

As a matter of impression the statutory catechism did not constitute an interview. Nor could it be considered as a discussion about the alleged crime: see *DPP v Billington* ([1984] 1 WLR 535).

That view was consistent with Code C because paragraph 6C therein of the notes for guidance stated: "Procedures undertaken under section 8 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 [the statutory predecessor of sections 7 and 8 of the 1988 Act] do not constitute interviewing for the purposes of this code."

Accordingly, the justices should not have exercised their discretion under section 78 of the 1984 Act in excluding the prosecution evidence.

Mr Justice Hidden agreed.

Solicitors: CPS, Inner London for CPS Chippenham and CPS Inner London; Wills Beesley, Chippenham and Baldwin & Co.

TENNIS

Schemes start in search of a champion

By Alix Ramsay

WIMBLEDON may be over but the search for a champion goes on. Yesterday, two schemes were launched with the aim of producing a broad base of young talent and provision of tennis for all, regardless of social or financial status.

As Dewhurst announced its backing of the Chris Bradnam school in Hemel Hempstead, to be named the Dewhurst tennis academy, the Duke of Kent was opening the Puma Tennis Centre in Welwyn Garden City, the latest of the Lawn Tennis Association's (LTA) indoor tennis initiative programmes.

Bradnam's academy will run independently of the LTA. It will provide a six-figure sum over the next three years by which time the proud boast is that it will produce a champion. His staff will assess the raw talent, of which the best will be selected for coaching.

The players there will not only be taught how to improve their backhands, but how to win by the sports psychologist, Phil Fearon. "If the Maleevas can produce three champions from one family, surely we must be able to produce one from the whole country," Bradnam said.

The LTA's Puma Tennis Centre is part of the 52-acre Gosling Sports Park where the sponsorship from Puma will provide subsidised coaching. "The whole ethos of the programme is that you shouldn't be held back by becoming better and better," John Trehearn, the head coach, said. "The better you become, the more it costs in lessons and equipment. But here we can reduce the cost to parents by up to 50 per cent."

Showbrook rescues frustrated Raymond

By Richard Evans

IF TRAINERS and jockeys are made to look mugs by horses that win when they are not expected to, what hope is there for the backbone of the sport, the innocent punter?

On a glorious day at Newmarket yesterday, a catalogue of upsets, surprises, controversial decisions and unexpected wins had some leading racing figures scratching their heads in disbelief — none more so than Bruce Raymond.

The affable veteran jockey began the July meeting on Tuesday by opting not to ride Savoyard in the Bunbury Cup as he believed Michael Jarvis's three-year-old had too much weight. The rest is history. His preferred mount, Savahra Sound, finished fourteenth, more than a dozen lengths behind the winner, Savoyard.

Raymond's luck seemed to have turned yesterday when he picked up a chance ride due to Lanfranco Dettori having the flu. He brought Nibbs Point from a near impossible position on the rails in the More O'Ferrall Plc Stakes to finish first past the post.

However, a stewards' enquiry concluded that Nibbs Point had interfered with Sobranie as Raymond made his challenge. Although the interference was accidental it improved Nibbs Point's placing, so Sobranie was promoted to first place.

Leaving aside the rights and wrongs of what appeared to be a harsh decision, nobody was more surprised by the 33-1 win than Alec Stewart, trainer of Sobranie.

"She was extremely weak last year so after we had broken her in we sent her home to Worksop Manor stud. It was not until we had some rain in the last two weeks I was able to get some work into her. I thought she would come up short, but the front runners just fell in a heap. Richard Hills could not believe it."

Stewart enjoyed another shock when Steerforth finally decided to display on the racecourse speed and stamina previously reserved for the gallops. The 14-1 shot turned a competitive H E Limited Duke of Cambridge Handicap into a afternoon stroll, winning by six lengths.

The victory gave Stewart a 509-1 double. "Steerforth works like a very good horse but has not really looked a very good horse on the racecourse, until now," he said.

Raymond normally partners Only Yours, trained by Richard Hannon, but decided against it in the Child Stakes yesterday. "I didn't think they would run her because it was over a mile."

His reasoning was sound as Hannon appeared to share his judgement, having entered Only Yours for the Vernon Sprint yesterday morning. Somebody forget to tell the horse as she took up the running two furlongs from home and stayed on most resolutely to floor Trojan Crown and Satin Flower, the disappointing 2-1 on favourite.

Showbrook, fifth in the Coventry Stakes behind Dilum, came to Raymond's rescue when he took full advantage of a below-standard Anglia Television July Stakes to win by three-and-a-half lengths.

Only four two-year-olds contested the £30,000 added group race, which is almost unforgiveable given the hundreds of juveniles in training in Newmarket alone.

Hannon's winner is likely to contest the Richmond Stakes followed by the Gimcrack Stakes, which his owner Tony Budge has won twice in the last three years.

The most amusing upset came in the Frith Centenary Maiden Fillies' Stakes when Harvest Girl, trained by Gavin Pritchard-Gordon and owned by elder brother Giles, obliged at 11-1.

The trainer's young brother, Grant, is racing manager to Khaled Abdualla, whose Brecon Beacons was sent off a heavily-backed 11-8 favourite.

The trainer said afterwards: "Grant told me we had no chance. We knew our horse would come on quite a lot from her first run at Salisbury, but even so we did not expect to win."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Only Yours, ridden by Michael Roberts, storms clear in the Child Stakes at Newmarket yesterday to initiate a double for trainer Richard Hannon

Brave face on latest setbacks

By Richard Evans

LORD Hartington, senior steward of the Jockey Club, yesterday attempted to display a brave face as racing came to terms with the dismal response from the Government to proposals for Sunday racing and extra cash from bookmakers.

Although he sounded admirably firm during a Channel 4 interview, he offered the racing industry little genuine hope of radical change.

He skirted around the effects of the Home Office rejecting the thrust of the home affairs select committee. The MPs said bookmakers do not pay enough from their £150 million a year profits to racing, and proposed the levy next year should be £50 million.

"Racing has a number of assets which it is perfectly prepared to release into the racing industry to help turnover and to help bookmakers to make more money. The racing industry will do that so long as the bookmaking industry pays a reasonable price for it."

Presumably, he was referring to an improved fixture list and seventh races. Asked how racing would persuade bookmakers to part with extra cash, he said: "Our lever will be our case; our case will be very strong and a very positive one. The Levy Board can do something with our case. I am sure we will get extra money."

Few will share his optimism, given the big off-course bookmaking industry's tactics and policy over the past 30 years. As the organisation representing on-course bookmakers commented recently, the big off-course chains are only interested in relieving punters of their cash as quickly as possible and have little regard for the future of the sport.

The Government belief that illegal gambling will thrive if Sunday racing is allowed without betting shops being open has put back Sunday racing's cause for at least three or four years.

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Classy Mystiko to show the way

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MYSTIKO, already the winner of the seven-furlong Free Handicap and the 2,000 Guineas over a mile at Newmarket this season, looks capable of drawing further attention to his undoubted class by winning the Carroll Foundation July Cup over six furlongs there today.

Having also contested the Derby, Mystiko would not be setting a precedent were he to win this group one sprint. In 1987 Ajdal captured this coveted trophy having been an also-ran in the Derby, but after being only placed in both the English and Irish Guineas.

As far as Mystiko is concerned, it is also pertinent to add that in recent years Chief Singer, Green Desert, Soviet Star and Royal Academy have been other winners of the July Cup, who had earlier either won or been placed in a European classic over a mile. That pattern is an example of sheer class asserting itself whatever the distance.

Discussing Mystiko's chance of making a successful switch to sprinting yesterday, his trainer Clive Brittain said that he has been entirely happy with his preparation and that he would not be risking such a valuable colt unless he was confident of a successful outcome.

Mystiko has shown twice already that he has the ability to lead all the way and today I nap him to do precisely that.

Like Mystiko, Lycius is also reverting to sprinting having been placed in both the English and French 2,000. Having run Mystiko to a head on the Rowley Mile course in May, I rate him the main danger now in the knowledge that he also won the Middle Park Stakes over six furlongs there last autumn.

Significantly Steve Cauthen has chosen to ride Lycius in preference to Sheikh Mohammed's other entry, Chicarica, who will be meeting Polish Patriot on 4lb better terms for that short-head beating in the Cork and Orrery Stakes at Royal Ascot.

With the ground drying out and the weather looking set fair again, Cauthen's decision must be right on form.

Willie Carson, who rode Chicarica at Ascot, keeps the ride while Walter Swinburn takes over from Cauthen on Elbio, the impressive winner of the five-furlong King's Stand Stakes at the royal meeting.

Even with another furlong to cover today, Elbio looks much more of a threat to Mystiko and Lycius than the other four-year-old in the field, Polar Falcon, who was last seen winning the Lockinge Stakes over a mile at Newbury, where he outpaced In The Groove at the end of what had been a slowly-run race.

With Mystiko in the line-up, today's race will be precisely the opposite, a furious gallop from beginning to end.

Dr Devious can pay his Coventry Stakes conqueror Dilum a compliment by winning the Krug Superlative Stakes, so maintaining his trainer Peter Chapple-Hyam's fine start at Manton.

Jendali, who had both Madagans Grey and Krius behind him when he won the Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot, is taken to confirm that form by winning the Bahrain Trophy even on 8lb worse terms.

Huso, my selection for the Qualitair Racing Welfare Handicap, looked most unlucky to be beaten a short head by Rise Up Singing when they met over today's course and distance 13 days ago, and he is taken to gain his revenge.

Elsewhere, the Jersey Stakes runner-up Dawson Place will be all the rage to win the Poplar Maiden Stakes at Kempton Park where the recent Yarmouth second Momser, who had no luck at all in running a week ago, can go one better in the Oak Handicap.

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NEWMARKET

MANDARIN
2.00 Dr Devious.
2.35 Jendali.
3.05 Huso.
3.40 MYSTIKO (nap).
4.10 Ziska.
4.45 Ebraaz.

THUNDERER
2.00 Dr Devious.
2.35 Krius.
3.05 Emilia Romagna.
3.40 LYCIUS (nap).
4.10 Ziska.
4.45 Lead The Dance.

MICHAEL SEELY
2.35 Jendali.
3.40 Mystiko.
4.10 ZISKA (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Jammaayil. 2.35 Jendali.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 ELBIO (nap).

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 KRUG SUPERLATIVE STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O: £12,223: 7f) (6 runners)

101 (1) 210 YOUNG SENOR 21 (BF,F) (Exors of E Moller) G Wragg 9-0 G Carter 78
102 (2) ALCOY (P Kelleway) P Kelleway 8-11 S Cauthen —
103 (6) 0110 COMBINATION 23 (F,G) (D Thompson) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 Dean McKeown 87
104 (3) 12 DR DEVIOUS 23 (S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 W Carson ● 99
105 (5) 50 MINSTREL'S AGE 13 (L Gaucci) C Brittain 8-11 M Roberts 88
106 (4) 41 JAMMAAYIL 13 (D,F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-8 Pat Eddery 76

BETTING: 4-9 Dr Devious, 5-1 Jammaayil, 7-1 Combination, 10-1 Young Senor, 20-1 Alcoy, 25-1 Minstrel's Age.

1990: HOKUSAI 8-11 S Cauthen (6-5 fav) H Cecil 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

YOUNG SENOR left at start when 16l last of 9 to Fair Cop in listed race at Royal Ascot (6f, good); previously beat Elton Ledger 2l at York (6f, good).
ALCOY (foaled May 10, cost Ir12,000gns) Glow half-brother to two winners including 6f juvenile scorer Sheer Royalty. COMBINATION beat Man Of The Moment ½l at Pontefract (6f, good) on penultimate start; previously beat Night Duty ½l at Nottingham (6f, good to firm). DR DEVIOUS 3l 2nd to Dilum at Royal Ascot (6f, good) with COMBINATION (same terms) 12l 6th; previously beat Dilum ¾l at Newbury (6f, good to soft). JAMMAAYIL beat Inkoel 2½l at Newcastle (7f, good to firm) with MISTRAL'S AGE (same terms) 5l 7th.
Selection: DR DEVIOUS (nap)

2.35 BAHRAIN TROPHY

(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £12,223: 1m 6f 175yd) (5 runners) C4

201 (2) 4-21 JENDALI 22 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-4 S Cauthen 97
202 (3) 0-2331 CLOSE FRIEND 13 (G) (W Said) B Hills 8-10 M Hills 98
203 (1) 0-610 KRIUS 22 (D,BF,F) (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 8-10 J Reid 90
204 (4) 04-6304 MADAGANS GREY 22 (C,F,G) (Madagans Plc) R Boss 8-10 Pat Eddery 98
205 (5) 1215-33 STRIKE FIRE 35 (F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) P Cole 8-10 L Dettori ● 99

BETTING: 7-4 Jendali, 7-2 Close Friend, 9-2 Krius, 5-1 Strike Fire, 11-2 Madagans Grey.

1990: RIVER GOD 9-1 S Cauthen (1-4 fav) H Cecil 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

JENDALI beat Silver Rainbow a nk at Royal Ascot (2m 45yd, good) with MADAGENS GREY (8lb better off) 6½l 4th and KRIUS (8lb better off) 7½l 7th; previously ½l 2nd to Sought Out at Yarmouth (1m 6f 17yd, firm). CLOSE FRIEND beat Sarawat 7l at Doncaster (1m 4f, good); previously 2½l 2nd to Burdur at Epsom (1m 2f 18yd, good). KRIUS beat Romany Rye 4l at York (1m 6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. MADAGANS GREY 12l 3rd to Fly Away Soon at Lingfield (AW, 1m 4f) on penultimate start. STRIKE FIRE 3¾l 3rd to Traingiot at Beverley (1m 3f 216yd, good to firm).
Selection: JENDALI

3.05 QUALITAIR RACING WELFARE HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £11,200: 1m) (14 runners) C4

301 (14) 11-0 ROGER DE BERKSTED 52 (F,S) (Lord White of Hull) J Gosden 9-7 R Cochrane 85
302 (12) 1040-84 IVORY BRIDE 27 (F,S) (N Stuttaford) M Tompkins 9-0 R Hills 92
303 (1) 1-0 ANDRASSY 85 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-10 L Dettori 92
304 (4) 50-01 GREEN TURBAN 31 (D,G) (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-9 Pat Eddery 89
305 (7) 21-16 EMILIA ROMAGNA 45 (D,BF,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-8 S Cauthen 92
306 (11) 2122-02 BALAAT 30 (BF,F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-4 W Carson ● 98
307 (8) 4041-33 SMILING SUN 12 (D,G) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 8-4 Emma O'Gorman (5) 97
308 (10) 021 ECLIPSING 18 (D,G) (S Niarchos) R Charlton 8-0 A McGlone 98
309 (9) 661215 FLORALIA 13 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 7-13 F Norton (5) 97
310 (6) 212-011 NEGEEN 16 (F,G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 7-13 M Roberts 96
311 (3) 4-6024 GREENDALE 28 (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 7-12 G Crealock 98
312 (2) 101-041 RISE UP SINGING 12 (B,CD,G,S) (G Gleadell) R Hannon 7-10 N Carlisle 97
313 (13) 053112 HUSO 12 (D,F,G) (G Cole) P Haslam 7-10 J Fanning (5) 97
314 (5) 056505 QUALITAIR SOUND 12 (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 7-7 G Bardwell 85

Long handicap: Qualitair Sound 6-6.

BETTING: 5-1 Eclipsing, 11-2 Green Turban, 6-1 Negeen, 7-1 Balaat, Huso, 15-2 Smiling Sun, 9-1 Rise Up Singing, 12-1 Emilia Romagna, Roger De Berksted, Floralia, 14-1 others.

1990: USA DOLLAR 7-8 J Quinn (33-1) B Gubby 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROGER DE BERKSTED beat Marasdiz 2½l (pair well clear) at Chester (7f, heavy) in October. ANDRASSY beat Lucknam Dreamer 3½l at Ascot (6f, good to firm) in September.
GREEN TURBAN made all to beat Mathkoor 3l in Pontefract maiden (1m, good). EMILIA ROMAGNA 11¼l last of 6 to Platz at Sandown (1m, good); previously beat Lovesloch 2½l at York (1m, good to firm). BALAAT 10l 2nd to Chandlery at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to firm); better judged on 1½l 2nd to Kimbers at Ascot (7f, good) in October. ECLIPSING beat Caprioli a hd at Yarmouth (1m 3yd, good).
NEGEEN beat Mel's Rose a head at Yarmouth (7f 2yd, good); previously beat Go Executive ¾l at Epsom (7f, good). GREENDALE 1¾l 4th to Hanbury Hall at York (7f 202yd, good). RISE UP SINGING beat HUSO (same terms) a sh hd over course and distance (good) with SMILING SUN (1lb better off) nk 3rd and QUALITAIR SOUND 5¼l 5th. HUSO beat Pentridge ½l at Wolverhampton (1m 200yd, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: SMILING SUN

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Mrs J Ramsden	4	25	16.0	M Hills	34	268	12.7
J Gosden	9	58	15.5	Pat Eddery	59	467	12.6

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 CARROLL FOUNDATION JULY CUP

(Group I: £115,254: 6f) (9 runners) C4

401 (9) 10-2111 ELBIO 20 (C,D,F,G,S) (B Brackpool) P Makin 4-9-6 W R Swinburn ● 99
402 (8) 4322-11 POLAR FALCON 55 (F,S) (D Thompson) J Hammond (Fr) 4-9-6 L Piggott 88
403 (5) 221-25 EXIT TO NOWHERE 46 (S) (S Niarchos) F Boutin (Fr) 3-8-13 F Head 87
404 (7) 121-223 LYCIUS 54 (CD,BF,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) A Fabre (Fr) 3-8-13 S Cauthen 95
405 (3) 113-6 MAJLOOD 23 (D,F,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-13 Pat Eddery 82
406 (1) 213-110 MYSTIKO 36 (CD,F,G) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 3-8-13 M Roberts 98
407 (4) 2215-11 POLISH PATRIOT 21 (D,F,G) (R Kirstein) G Harwood 3-8-13 R Cochrane 90
408 (2) 15-0612 TIME GENTLEMEN 19 (D,F) (A Ison) J Dunlop 3-8-13 J Reid 79
409 (6) 111-32 CHICARICA 21 (CD,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-10 W Carson 93

BETTING: 5-2 Elbio, 3-1 Mystiko, 9-2 Chicarica, 5-1 Lycius, 9-1 Polish Patriot, 10-1 Exit To Nowhere, Majlood, 12-1 Polar Falcon, 33-1 Time Gentlemen.

1990: ROYAL ACADEMY 3-8-13 J Reid (7-1) M V O'Brien (Ire) 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELBIO beat Irish Shoal 3l at Ascot (5f, good to firm). POLAR FALCON beat In The Groove 2l at Newbury (1m, good to soft). EXIT TO NOWHERE 4¾l 5th to Sillery at Longchamp (1m 1f 55yd, good to firm). LYCIUS 6¾l 3rd to Fourstars Allstar Irish 2,000 Guineas at The Curragh (1m, good); beat Distinctly North by ½l over course and distance (good) last term with MAJLOOD 1½l 3rd and POLISH PATRIOT 5l 5th.
MAJLOOD 7l 6th to Marju at Ascot (1m, good). MYSTIKO 30l 10th to Generous in the Derby at Epsom (1m 4f 10yd, good to firm); previously beat LYCIUS a hd in 2,000 Guineas over 1m (good) here. POLISH PATRIOT beat CHICARICA (4lb better off) a sh hd at Ascot (6f, good). TIME GENTLEMEN hd 2nd to Tanger at Longchamp (7f, soft).
Selection: ELBIO

4.10 H & K COMMISSIONS HANDICAP

(3-Y-O fillies: £13,475: 7f) (12 runners) C4

501 (12) 35-4020 CLOCHE D'OR 21 (F) (Mrs C Palmer) C Brittain 9-7 S Cauthen 92
502 (11) 0-13 PIPSQUEAK 15 (D,S) (Mrs C Heath) R Charlton 9-0 Pat Eddery 87
503 (6) 420-202 HIMIKO 26 (BF,F) (Y Ito) B Hills 8-12 M Hills 88
504 (3) 1-1 REJOICE 190 (D) (T Capehart) W O'Gorman 8-9 Emma O'Gorman (5) 90
505 (8) 2110-06 GLOWING ARDOUR 12 (F) (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 8-9 W R Swinburn 96
506 (7) 21-310 ARYLH 19 (G,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 8-4 M Roberts 97
507 (5) 3-15 ZISKA 15 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-1 W Ryan 85
508 (10) 40-0041 PRINCESS TARA 19 (F) (Rotdvale Ltd) G Lewis 7-12 G Carter 98
509 (2) 20-12 LAPLAND LIGHTS 29 (G) (Dr M Smurfit) A Stewart 7-10 R Fox 94
510 (4) 0-22112 ARMAITI 33 (D,F,G) (L McMullan) M Johnston 7-10 W Carson 92
511 (8) 441-551 ABLE SUSAN 27 (D,F,S) (Exors of E Moller) G Wragg 7-8 F Norton (5) ● 99
512 (1) 423-012 MISS SHARPO 13 (D,F) (P Winfield) R Hannon 7-7 G Bardwell 95

Long handicap: Miss Sharpo 7-5.

BETTING: 5-1 Ziska, 6-1 Rejoice, 7-1 Princess Tara, 8-1 Arylh, Lapland Lights, 9-1 Glowing Ardour, Armaiti, 10-1 Pipsqueak, Himiko, 14-1 others.

1990: DARA DEE 8-3 M Roberts (11-1) C Brittain 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLOCHE D'OR 6l 9th to Polish Patriot at Ascot (6f, good). PIPSQUEAK 1½l 3rd to Collide at Kempton (1m, heavy) with ZISKA 20l 5th. ZISKA earlier beat Riviera Rainbow a nk at Yarmouth (1m 3yd, firm). HIMIKO best judged on nk 2nd to Joli's Princess at Newbury (7f 64yd, good). REJOICE beat Bellasecret 3½l at Southwell (AW, 6f). GLOWING ARDOUR 4l 5th to Radwell at Newcastle (1m, good to firm). ARYLH beat Chance All 2½l at Leicester (6f, good) on penultimate start. PRINCESS TARA beat Elsaiah a nk at Ascot (1m, good to firm) with ARYLH (3lb better off) 6l 7th. LAPLAND LIGHTS 7l 2nd to Melpomene at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to firm). ARMAITI 2½l 2nd to Caroles Express at Epsom (7f, good). ABLE SUSAN beat Careless Love hd at Doncaster (1m, good to firm). MISS SHARPO hd 2nd to Salbyng at Bath (1m 5yd, good).
Selection: ZISKA

4.45 EBF FULBOURN MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O colts & geldings: £5,435: 6f) (7 runners)

601 (4) BLACK JACK SILVER (P Savill) M Stoute 9-0 Paul Eddery —
602 (7) EBRAAZ (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 W Carson —
603 (1) HALBERT (G Greenwood) R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery —
604 (6) HAYMARKET (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 W R Swinburn —
605 (3) HOPEFUL BID (N Capon) R Hannon 9-0 J Reid —
606 (2) LEAD THE DANCE (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 S Cauthen —
607 (5) 43 SILVIO ALFREDO 26 (L Gaucci) C Brittain 9-0 M Roberts —

BETTING: 7-4 Lead The Dance, 7-2 Haymarket, 6-1 Ebraaz, 8-1 Silvio Alfredo, Black Jack Silver, 10-1 Hopeful Bid, 14-1 Halbert.

1990: ACT OF DIPLOMACY 9-0 B Raymond (13-8 fav) R Armstrong 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

SILVIO ALFREDO 3½l 3rd to Jode at York (6f, good to soft). BLACK JACK SILVER (foaled Mar 10) Bold Ruckus half-brother to top class Canadian performer Let's Go Blue.
EBRAAZ (Feb 9) By Green Desert out of Littlefield, winner of the Fred Darling Stakes. HALBERT (Jan 31) By Song out of a decent sprinter. HAYMARKET (Mar 13). Danzig half-brother to the high class juvenile, and subsequent Grade II winner in the United States, Rahy. HOPEFUL BID (Mar 30, cost 25,000gns) Auction Ring half-brother to Sharp N'Early, winner of Gimcrack Stakes. LEAD THE DANCE (Apr 9) By Lead On Time out of a mare placed over 1m.
No Selection

Acceptors for championship races

KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH DIAMOND STAKES (Group I: 1m 4f) (21 acceptors) Dolpour, Epervier Bleu, Franc Bleu Argent, Generous, Hailsham, In The Groove, Luchiroverte, Magnificent Star, Marju, Matador, Matahif, Quest For Fame, Rock Hopper, Saddlers' Hall, Sanglamore, Sapience, Snurge, Stagecraft, Terimon, Tiger Flower, Toulon. To be run at Ascot on July 27.

SUSSEX STAKES (Group I: 1m) (21 acceptors) Aimesm, Bold Russian, Boxing Day, Candy Glen, Colour Chart, Danseuse Du Soir, Dawson Place, Dolpour, Green Line Express, Green Pole, In The Groove, Mukaddamah, Mystiko, Nordic Admirer, Polar Falcon, Priolo, Radwell, Second Set, Shadayid, Sikeston, Star Of Gdansk. To be run at Goodwood on July 31.

KEMPTON PARK

MANDARIN
2.15 Lake Dominion.
2.45 Dawson Place.
3.20 Tiger Shoot.
3.55 Sure Victory.
4.25 Momser.
5.00 Sobriety.

THUNDERER
2.15 Lake Dominion.
2.45 Dawson Place.
3.20 Taylors Prince.
3.55 Parlos.
4.25 Momser.
5.00 Molly Splash.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.25 MOMSER (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 EBF WILLOW MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O colts and geldings: £2,385: 6f) (7 runners)

1 (3) 03 LAKE DOMINION 28 (The Prima Donnas) P Harris 9-0 A Munro 92
2 (5) 40 WALKING ON WATER 28 (B,BF) (S Posford) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 B Raymond ● 99
3 (1) GREEN'S EXHIBIT (R Green (Fine Paintings)) R Akehurst 8-11 W Newnes —
4 (2) HOLY WANDERER (M Pescod) D Arbuthnot 8-11 B Procter —
5 (6) KEEP IN MIND (Lord Swaythling) J Dunlop 8-11 T Quinn —
6 (7) KERTALE (K Bethel) R Boss 8-11 A Cruz —
7 (4) NORDANSK (G Steinberg) J Balding 8-11 G Duffield —

BETTING: 11-8 Keep In Mind, 7-2 Lake Dominion, 9-2 Walking On Water, 5-1 Green's Exhibit, 14-1 Kertale, 20-1 Nordansk, Holy Wanderer.

1990: IKTESHAF 9-0 W Ryan (5-2 it-fav) B Hanbury 7 ran

2.45 POPLAR MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,427: 7f) (10 runners)

1 (3) 32 DAWSON PLACE 22 (N Da Swary) G Harwood 9-0 A Clark ● 99
2 (5) 30-4630 FIRST SUCCESS 35 (S Al Homaizi) R Boss 9-0 A Cruz 65
3 (6) JAHIZ (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 A Munro —
4 (7) LINE DRUMMER (J Moran) J Gosden 9-0 G Hind —
5 (9) 0 OSCILANTE 30 (G Hicks) R Akehurst 9-0 T Quinn —
6 (8) 04653 ROCK LEGEND 12 (J Sheehan) M Haynes 9-0 B Rouse 50
7 (4) 3 SCARABEN 13 (R Lockhart-Smith) M Wilkinson 9-0 V Smith 63
8 (10) 25 SCOTTISH BAMBI 9 (W Kelly) R Hannon 9-0 B Raymond 70
9 (1) 330-004 TANEGRUS 14 (R Tooth) D Elsworth 9-0 J Williams 67
10 (2) FRIDAY NIGHT GIRL (R Lang) W Carter 8-9 T Williams —

BETTING: 1-3 Dawson Place, 5-1 Line Drummer, 8-1 Jahiz, 20-1 Scaraben, 25-1 Scottish Bambi.

1990: SHAMPOO 9-0 N Day (5-4 fav) W Haggas 9 ran

3.20 TAYLOR WALKER HANDICAP (£3,808: 1m 1f) (11 runners)

1 (4) 00101-0 AL ANBA 5 (F) (Mrs A Al Homezi) J Czerpak 4-10-0 J Murray 88
2 (7) 001244 KNOCK KNOCK 15 (CD,F,G) (G Smart) I Balding 8-9-10 S O'Gorman (5) 95
3 (3) 20-4025 MARINE DIVER 12 (G) (C Shiacolas) P Cole 5-9-7 T Quinn 92
4 (6) 021041 TAYLORS PRINCE 16 (D,F,G) (H Collingridge) H Collingridge 4-9-5 A Cruz 95
5 (5) 000-500 HIGHLY SECURE 28 (Lord Swaythling) J Dunlop 4-9-3 G Duffield 96
6 (9) 661-124 TIGER SHOOT 12 (BF,G) (C Lines) P Felden 4-8-7 A Munro ● 99
7 (1) 001186 PROFIT A PRENDRE 12 (F,G,S) (P Thorne) D Wilson 7-8-6 B Rouse 96
8 (11) 6200-00 NICQUITA 65 (V,F) (White Horse Racing Ltd) C C Elsey 4-8-5 W Newnes 81
9 (2) 602012 ICANSEEFORMILES 7 (BF,S) (J Horgan) R Hannon 3-8-3 S Whitworth 94
10 (10) 000-023 KEEN VISION 27 (BF) (Allendale Racing) D Arbuthnot 3-7-7 J Quinn 96
11 (8) 364000 GIBBOT 9 (CD,F,S) (B Lewis-Renwell) P Howling 6-7-7 T Williams 94

Long handicap: Gibbot 7-1

BETTING: 3-1 Taylors Prince, 4-1 Icanseeformiles, 5-1 Knock Knock, 6-1 Tiger Shoot, 8-1 Al Anba, 10-1 Highly Secure, 14-1 Profit A Prendre, 15-1 others.

1990: AKDAM 5-10-0 T Quinn (6-4 fav) R Johnson Houghton 8 ran

3.55 ELM HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,236: 6f) (9 runners)

1 (3) 0320-14 PARIOS 78 (D,BF,F) (N Azar) J Payne 9-7 B Raymond 89
2 (8) 300145 ACCESS FLYER 13 (F) (Miss D Williams) R Boss 9-1 A Cruz 92
3 (5) 221210 COUNTESS OF POLAND 27 (CD,BF,F) Mrs L Piggott 8-13 A Munro 91
4 (2) 1-23082 HIGHLAND MAGIC 10 (P Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 8-13 T Quinn ● 99
5 (1) 416-00 CASPIAN GREY 10 (D,G) (Mrs A Speyer) D Wilson 8-13 B Rouse 95
6 (4) 309423 SET ASIDE 17 (D) (I Sandell) D Elsworth 8-12 J Williams 92
7 (9) 0-651 SURE VICTORY 20 (G) (Salisbury Farms Ltd) P Walwyn 8-6 G Baxter 87
8 (7) 302223 ZONINA 10 (B) (Harry W Hopgood) R Hannon 7-10 N Adams 91
9 (6) 046004 PROUD BRIGADIER 10 (M Lawrence) W Carter 7-7 T Williams 87

Long handicap: Proud Brigadier 7-2.

BETTING: 4-1 Sure Victory, 9-2 Set Aside, 5-1 Zonina, 6-1 Access Flyer, 7-1 Countess Of Poland, 8-1 Highland Magic, 10-1 Parios, 12-1 Proud Brigadier, 20-1 Caspian Grey.

1990: DAZZLINGLY RADIANT 9-7 A McGlone (2-1 fav) R Hannon 8 ran

4.25 OAK HANDICAP (£3,444: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

1 (2) 023403- VINTAGE 279 (D,F,S) (W Hern) W Hern 6-10-0 A Munro 90
2 (3) 063 RING OF FORTUNE 21 (Ecurie Fustok) M Moubarak 3-9-4 A Cruz 80
3 (7) 025-532 MOMSER 8 (M Baxter Ltd) M Ryan 5-9-4 G Duffield ● 99
4 (6) 400008 CATHOS 14 (D,F,G,S) (K Brant) D Wilson 6-8-8 B Rouse 91
5 (5) 582083 RUSSIAN RED 19 (Mrs E Pyle) W Wightman 4-8-6 J Williams 98
6 (4) 034114 POLISTATIC 9 (D,F,G) (T Sumner) C Horgan 4-7-12 Dale Gibson 93
7 (1) 8-00021 BAYPHIA 7 (B,D,G) (J Davies) G Lewis 3-7-8 (4ex) J Quinn 95

BETTING: 11-4 Bayphia, 7-2 Momser, 4-1 Ring Of Fortune, 5-1 Polistatic, 7-1 Vintage, 10-1 Russian Red, 20-1 Cathos.

1990: SILENT GIRL 3-8-5 W Newnes (4-1) N Callaghan 8 ran

5.00 KENILWORTH APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,616: 1m 2f) (16 runners)

1 (9) 626018 CHARMING GIFT 5 (F) (Mrs M Linney) R Williams 4-9-11 G Mitchell (7) 92
2 (2) 0465/13- ABLE VALE 307J (F) (Mrs L May) J Czerpak 5-9-7 R Price 80
3 (6) 0-050 MILLIE 24 (P Deal) H Candy 3-9-3 Antoinette Armes (7) 91
4 (12) 600- THOMPSON FLYER 388 (G Bishop) R Smyth 4-9-3 A Martinez (7) —
5 (16) 04600-0 PRIOR CHARGE 159 (J Quinn) Miss B Sanders 4-9-1 M Scott (7) 90
6 (7) 420000 HERE HE COMES 12 (D,G) (G Iveemee) W Carter 5-9-1 S Cairns 95
7 (3) 200-003 MOLLY SPLASH 13 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-1 T McLaughlin (7) 84
8 (14) 006-120 DR ZEVA 16 (D,BF,F) (G Butterfield) J Jenkins 5-8-11 K M Chin 94
9 (1) 003020 SOBRIETY 13 (C,F,G,S) (Theo Waddington (UK) Ltd) G Balding 6-8-8 D Tierney (7) 87
10 (13) 400460 XHAI 22 (B,D,F,S) (Dartam Racing) R Simpson 9-8-4 A Tucker 98
11 (11) 000005- VINTON VA 231 (S) (R Bennett) R Bennett 8-8-2 E Sibley (7) 93
12 (5) 56065-0 MAZIN 9 (C Benstead) C Benstead 3-8-1 C H Ho (7) 80
13 (8) 5040-00 TIGER CUB 13 (R Jenkinson) I Balding 8-7-13 N Varley (7) 97
14 (4) 006-500 SONIC SIGNAL 13 (F,G) (M Haynes) M Haynes 5-7-13 D Toole (7) ● 99
15 (10) 000-560 SIMPLY DES 24 (F) (B Milhen) J O'Donoghue 4-7-7 D Harrison 98
16 (15) 400000 SAN ROQUE 7 (D,F) (N Spreadbury) D Wilson 6-7-7 H K Yim (5) 82

Long handicap: San Roque 7-3.

BETTING: 4-1 Sobriety, 5-1 Charming Gift, 6-1 Millie, 8-1 Dr Zeva, 9-1 Molly Splash, 10-1 Tiger Cub, 12-1 Able Vale, 14-1 others.

1990: PERSIAN LORD 3-7-6 Antoinette Armes (33-1) H Candy 10 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J Payne	3	11	27.3	A Munro	12	60	20.0
D Arbuthnot	5	26	19.2				
J Gosden	7	41	17.1				
M Ryan	8	47	17.0				
G Harwood	11	70	15.7				
P Walwyn	11	71	15.5	Only qualifiers			

(Not including last night's results)

CHEPSTOW

MANDARIN
6.30 Bardolph. 7.00 Tiger Claw. 7.30 Stapleford Manor. 8.00 Echo-Logical. 8.30 Pipe Opener. 9.00 Violence.

THUNDERER
6.30 Stanway. 7.00 Tiger Claw. 7.30 Habaayib. 8.00 Cradle Days. 8.30 Pipe Opener. 9.00 Violence.

GOING: GOOD
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 LYSAGHT AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£2,508: 2m 49yd) (18 runners)

1 1544 JINGA 14 (D,F,G,S) Lady Herries 6-12-0 Clare Balding 11
2 4-61 BARDOLPH 14 (F,S) P Cole 4-11-6 Jane Allison 13
3 3253 TRIPLICATE 17 (G) J Dunlop 5-11-4 J Durkan (5) 5
4 4-00 DUTYFUL 58 (F) M Haynes 5-10-11 Yvonne Haynes 3
5 0656 STANWAY 9 K Bridgwater 4-10-7 S Joynes (5) 6
6 -063 HOWJAL 15 (F) J Bostock 6-10-4 Lydia Pearce 14
7 0000 BURFORD 14 (F) D R Tucker 4-10-4 Susie Rowe (5) 15
8 660 FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE 15 (B) C Broad 6-10-3 Sharron Murgatroyd 10
9 -043 ARMED FORCE 12 C Cyzer 4-10-2 Emma Deen (5) 12
10 6230 RIYADH LIGHTS 20 M Usher 6-9-13 Annie Usher (5) 7
11 0-60 COINAGE 14 (B,D,F) R Johnson Houghton 8-9-10 Eve Johnson Houghton 4
12 0-00 AMAZAKE 30 (B) B Cambidge 4-9-7 J Cambidge (5) 9
13 -000 DORIMAR 19 B Cambidge 4-9-7 Hazel Noonan (5) 2
14 0800 OMORSI 7 (V) M Fetherston-Godley 4-9-7 E Edwards (5) 8
15 00-0 GODSMINT 50 R Holder 3-9-7 K Whiting (5) 1
16 -000 KING WILLIAM 15 (F) J Spearing 6-9-7 Teresa Spearing (5) 16
17 0406 LADY WESTGATE 12 (CD,F,G) G Balding 7-9-7 Clare Smallman (5) 18
18 0-05 ROSEHILL PARK 17 D Marks 3-9-7 Kelly Marks 17

4-1 Triplicate, 5-1 Bardolph, 6-1 Jinga, 7-1 Howjal, 8-1 Cathos, 10-1 Armed Force, 12-1 Stanway, Coinage, 14-1 others.

7.00 RIVER WYE HANDICAP (£3,127: 1m 2f 36yd) (11)

1 R30- GOD BLESS YOU 254 (D,S) W Carter 4-9-10 T Williams 6
2 0-11 VALIANT WORDS 19 (D,F,G) R Akehurst 4-9-7 T Quinn 2
3 2220 TIGER CLAW 26 (F) R Hodges 5-9-4 W Carson 8
4 032/ MYSTICAL GUEST 819 J Bostock 5-9-2 S Whitworth 5
5 5134 SEAL INDIGO 17 (F) R Hannon 3-9-1 R Perham (5) 10
6 0121 KATY'S LAD 10 (D,F,G,S) B McMahon 4-9-1 (6ex) B Raymond 4
7 -006 CLYRO 28 (C,G) R Holder 3-8-12 J Williams 1
8 1204 SOOTY TERN 10 (D,F) J Bradley 4-8-7 A Clark 9
9 0300 LITTLE KRAKER 9 (S) P Jones 4-8-7 T Sprake (5) 7
10 0-05 SULLI BOY 7 (D) Miss B Sanders 6-8-5 W Newnes 3
11 5-55 PETMER 12 (BF) G Balding 4-8-1 C Rutter 11

3-1 Katy's Lad, 4-1 Valiant Words, 5-1 Tiger Claw, 7-1 Seal Indigo, Petmer, 8-1 Sooty Tern, 10-1 Clyro, 16-1 others.

7.30 WELSH BREWERS PREMIER STAKES (£14,620: 1m 4f 23yd) (8)

1 5353 HIGH BEACON 26 (F,G) H Candy 4-9-6 C Rutter 2
2 8205 STAPLEFORD MANOR 12 (F) L Cumani 4-9-6 L Dettori 7
3 /010 STAR NORTH 15 (D,BF,G,S) M McCormack 7-9-6 W Newnes 6
4 6122 HABAAYIB 19 (D,F,G) M Stoute 3-8-7 W R Swinburn 3
5 014- KIMBERS 255 (G) C Nelson 3-8-7 J Reid 5
6 1161 MARAAKIZ 28 (F,G) J Dunlop 3-8-7 W Carson 4
7 1234 REGAL SABRE 19 (F,G) R Hannon 3-8-7 B Raymond 8
8 2043 JIMLIL 15 (G) B Palling 3-8-2 A Munro 1

3-1 Habaayib, 7-2 Maraakiz, 9-2 Stapleford Manor, 6-1 Regal Sabre, 10-1 High Beacon, 20-1 Jimlil, 25-1 others.

8.00 MAPLE MEDIAN AUCTION GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,238: 5f 16yd) (4)

1 13 ECHO-LOGICAL 33 (D,G) J Berry 9-4 T Quinn 2
2 238 CRADLE DAYS 21 R Hannon 8-11 W Carson 3
3 6 SALAZAR 69 W Muir 8-11 S Whitworth 4
4 PAMPAS GRASS A Lee 8-6 J Quinn 1

Evens Cradle Days, 6-4 Echo-Logical, 12-1 Salazar, 20-1 Pampas Grass.

8.30 FLEUR DE LYS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,508: 7f 16yd) (14)

1 40-2 AELLOPOUS 24 G Harwood 8-11 A Clark 11
2 4-5 CLIPPERINA 16 M Stoute 8-11 W R Swinburn 3
3 6 DASHING APRIL 7 D Thom 8-11 J Williams 8
4 5 FLYING BECKEE 14 W Carter 8-11 T Williams 14
5 5563 LATIN MASS 10 A Barrow 8-11 J Hunter (7) 13
6 0-26 LITMORE DANCER 12 (BF) J Bethell 8-11 L Dettori 6
7 50 MISS SCHWEPPES 19 L Holt 8-11 N Adams 10
8 MOLLETROIS L Cottrell 8-11 N Carlisle 7
9 04-0 MOONA 66 P Cole 8-11 A Munro 12
10 0-38 MORGANNWG 6 R Dickin 8-11 Dean McKeown 9
11 0- NORMEAD LASS 282 G Balding 8-11 M Wigham 4
12 3 PIPE OPENER 14 R Hannon 8-11 B Raymond 5
13 6 STOCK HILL LADY 15 R Hodges 8-11 T Sprake (5) 1
14 0404 TOM'S ARCTIC DREAM 42 W Williams 8-11 A Tucker (5) 2

3-1 Aellopous, 4-1 Morgannwg, 5-1 Clipperina, 6-1 Pipe Opener, 7-1 Flying Beckee, 10-1 Litmore Dancer, 12-1 others.

9.00 ALVESTON MAIDEN STAKES (£2,447: 1m 14yd) (11)

1 40-6 KAIPHAS 13 I Balding 4-9-7 W Newnes 10
2 000- OH SO FINE 110J G Balding 4-9-7 M Wigham 3
3 06/0 DREAMTIME DANCER 57 A Barrow 5-9-2 R Perham (5) 11
4 0 PRIMA SPERANZA 16 B Millman 5-9-2 J Williams 4
5 SIBYL O'DONNELL K Bridgwater 4-9-2 P D'Arcy 7
6 -065 GREY ILLUSIONS 13 L Holt 3-8-12 N Adams 1
7 PRINCE TINO N Gaselee 3-8-12 Dale Gibson 9
8 00 SHAKE TOWN 12 G Harwood 3-8-12 G O'Neill (7) 8
9 THE ALIEN W Carter 3-8-12 T Williams 5
10 GRACIOUS BEAUTY W Hern 3-8-7 W Carson 2
11 4 VIOLENCE 34 L Cumani 3-8-7 L Dettori 6

10-11 Violence, 5-2 Gracious Beauty, 7-1 Kaiphas, 12-1 Shake Town, 16-1 Grey Illusions, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 9 winners from 18 runners, 50.0%; R F Johnson Houghton, 5 from 21, 23.8%; G Harwood, 6 from 27, 22.2%; M Stoute, 3 from 14, 21.4%; I Balding, 10 from 50, 20.0%; C Nelson, 6 from 32, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 7 winners from 21 rides, 33.3%; W Carson, 10 from 47, 21.3%; T Sprake, 5 from 24, 20.8%; B Raymond, 4 from 22, 18.2%; J Reid, 13 from 93, 14.0%; N Carlisle, 4 from 31, 12.9%.

HAMILTON PARK

MANDARIN
6.45 Able Lassie. 7.15 Internal Affair. 7.45 Grey Commander. 8.15 Chateau Nord. 8.45 Ambitious Venture. 9.15 Indian Star.

THUNDERER
6.45 Cool Parade. 7.15 Internal Affair. 7.45 Owlandish. 8.15 Chateau Nord. 8.45 Ambitious Venture. 9.15 Dawes Of Nelson.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.45 GLASGOW FAIR APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,386: 1m 1f 36yd) (9 runners)

1 22-2 ABLE LASSIE 14 (C,G) Mrs G Reveley 3-9-10 S Turner 3
2 0105 ALL GREEK TO ME 38 (CD,G) C Thornton 3-9-10 J Marshall 1
3 4613 RICHMOND 19 (V,C,S) J Wainwright 3-9-9 G Parkin 5
4 5001 COOL PARADE 5 (F) S Norton 3-9-6 (5ex) O Pears 9
5 00-6 HAMILTON LADY 8 D Moffatt 3-9-0 J Fordham 7
6 0808 RED TEMPEST 19 (V) J S Wilson 3-8-13 R Havlin 8
7 0041 SEA PADDY 6 (D,F) R Bastiman 3-8-13 (5ex) H Bastiman 4
8 0-00 FALLOW DEER 9 (B,F) D Windle 4-8-8 NON—RUNNER 6
9 0000 STAR OF THE SEA 49 (B) N Chamberlain 4-7-7 M Hunt 2

5-2 Able Lassie, 4-1 Richmond, 5-1 All Greek To Me, 6-1 Sea Paddy, 8-1 Cool Parade, 10-1 Hamilton Lady, 12-1 others.

7.15 RUTHERGLEN MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,325: 1m 65yd) (8)

1 446- TRAVEL MYTH 260 Mrs G Reveley 8-6 J Lowe 8
2 -500 DREAM ON 13 M Johnston 8-3 R P Elliott 1
3 MISS TALECA M O'Neill 8-3 J Fortune 4
4 00 TENDER VISION 20 R Whitaker 8-3 A Culhane 6
5 505 SWING IT OLIVER 10 G Oldroyd 8-2 M Wood 5
6 65-3 INTERNAL AFFAIR 24 A Stewart 8-0 K Darley 3
7 0303 VALLEY OF TIME 20 P Monteith 8-0 J Carroll 2
8 64 ADELPHI PRINCESS 22 J Watts 7-11 L Charnock 7

4-9 Internal Affair, 6-1 Adelphi Princess, 8-1 Swing It Oliver, 12-1 Travel Myth, Valley Of Time, 20-1 Miss Taleca, 33-1 others.

7.45 EXTEL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,494: 1m 3f 16yd) (11)

1 0-34 SAINT BENET 28 W Pearce 9-7 D Nicholls 3
2 0002 NO HARD FEELINGS 3 (V,BF,F,G,S) N Tinkler 9-4 K Darley 10
3 3-64 NO CANDLES TONIGHT 42 (BF) M Johnston 9-11 J Carroll 11
4 00-5 GREY DANCER 30 C Allen 8-6 NON—RUNNER 2
5 00-4 OWLANDISH 20 M O'Neill 8-6 J Fortune 6
6 5113 GREY COMMANDER 8 (G) M Brittain 8-2 (4ex) S Maloney (5) 7
7 6369 DRINKS PARTY 9 (BF,F,S) J Wharton 8-1 N Kennedy (5) 4
8 0-65 MORAL TALES 19 D Moffatt 8-1 L Charnock 5
9 060- FLIGHTY GUEST 318 Mrs G Reveley 7-11 J Lowe 9
10 000 WESTCROFT 17 R Whitaker 7-8 A Mackay 1
11 0000 BOLGHERI 3 E Incisa 7-7 Kim Tinkler 8

3-1 Drinks Party, 7-2 Grey Commander, 5-1 Owlandish, 6-1 No Candles Tonight, 7-1 Saint Benet, 10-1 others.

8.15 WESTWOOD AUCTION GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,183: 5f 4yd) (5)

1 1202 CHATEAU NORD 10 (D,F) J Berry 9-4 J Carroll 4
2 1350 MY ABBEY 22 (V,D,F) E Alston 8-10 K Fallon 2
3 0000 CASHTAL RUNNER 23 Mrs J Jordan 8-5 S Wood (3) 3
4 03 FAROOTS 6 C Tinkler 8-5 M Birch 1
5 0 KISS ME LAUREL 7 Mrs G Reveley 8-0 J Lowe 5

11-10 Chateau Nord, 5-4 My Abbey, 8-1 Faroots, 14-1 Kiss Me Laurel, 20-1 Cashtal Runner.

8.45 BURNBANK CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,386: 6f 5yd) (8)

1 00 DOWN MARLEY 21 C Tinkler 8-6 M Birch 3
2 325 MURRAY'S MAZDA 28 (BF) J Berry 8-4 J Carroll 1
3 0411 AMBITIOUS VENTURE 12 (D,F,G) W Pearce 8-2 L Charnock 8
4 50 GREEN CHANNEL 15 D Moffatt 8-1 J Fortune 6
5 BRICKHILLS D Chapman 8-0 S Wood (3) 7
6 6 THE METROPOLE 10 J Johnson 8-0 N Kennedy (5) 5
7 3020 LINGDALE LASS 14 Mrs G Reveley 7-12 J Lowe 4
8 0 OFFSPRING 103 N Chamberlain 7-10 A Mackay 2

9-4 Ambitious Venture, 11-4 Murray's Mazda, 6-1 The Metropole, Lingdale Lass, 8-1 Brickhills, 12-1 others.

9.15 PENROSE HILL HANDICAP (£3,003: 6f 5yd) (11)

1 3051 DIET 19 (V,CD,F,G,S) J S Wilson 5-9-13 R Havlin (7) 1
2 -1200 HINARI VIDEO 62 (CD,G,S) M Johnston 6-9-8 R P Elliott 2
3 1002 CHAPLINS CLUB 2 (B,C,D,BF,F,G,S) D Chapman 11-9-2 (10ex) S Wood (3) 4
4 -332 INDIAN STAR 7 (D,F,G) M Brittain 4-8-13 S Maloney (5) 10
5 2106 FILICAIA 3 (V,D,F,G) E Incisa 5-8-9 Kim Tinkler 3
6 4000 GOLDEN DELLA 19 (C,G) D Moffatt 4-8-7 J Carroll 5
7 -005 GREY TUDOR 6 (D,S) C Allen 4-8-1 N Kennedy (5) 8
8 0105 BEAUMONT'S KEEP 17 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-0 J Lowe 6
9 0303 GENERAL JO 8 Mrs J Jordan 3-7-13 B McGiff 7
10 0003 NOTHING'S FREE 29 (B) M W Easterby 4-7-9 L Charnock 11
11 6020 DAWES OF NELSON 17 (C,G) M Bolton 6-7-9 A Mackay 9

4-1 Diet, 5-1 Indian Star, 6-1 Hinari Video, Chaplins Club, 8-1 Nothing's Free, 9-1 Beaumont's Keep, 10-1 Filicaia, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Ramsden, 10 winners from 39 runners, 25.6%; Mrs G Reveley, 8 from 43, 18.6%; J Berry, 34 from 209, 16.3%; R Bastiman, 4 from 25, 16.0%; C Tinkler, 16 from 106, 15.1%; S Norton, 11 from 80, 13.8%.

JOCKEYS: J Carroll, 30 winners from 182 rides, 16.5%; K Darley, 35 from 259, 13.5%; D Nicholls, 20 from 170, 11.8%; M Birch, 19 from 164, 11.6%; R P Elliott, 8 from 68, 11.8%; J Fortune, 10 from 99, 10.1%.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newmarket

Going: good

2.00 (7f) 1, MISUNDERSTANDING (Dean McKeown, 3-1 fav); 2, Miss Pin Up (Ron Hills, 33-1); 3, Captain Ken (R Cochrane, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Rose Gem, 6 Ganeshaye, 8 Gone Bust, 10 Noseeim (4th), 11 Flying Quest, 12 Palacegate Gold, 14 Shalou, 16 Broughton's Tango (5th), 25 Taney Como, 33 Eau d'Espoir (6th), Loose Spirit. 14 ran. 6l, 1l, ¾l, 1½l, 1l. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £4.30; £1.80, £6.00, £3.00. DF: £96.80 CSF: £85.51. 1min 26.65sec. Bought in for 20,000gns.

2.35 (1m 2f) 1, SOBRANIE (R Hills, 33-1); 2, Nibbs Point (B Raymond, 11-1); 3, Caprioli (A Cruz, 6-5 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Hyabella (4th), 15-2 Al Tharaab (5th), 14 Shine On Brightly, 20 Magnate's Crown (6th), Trebly. 8 ran. ½l, 1½l, hd, 5l, 1½l. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £24.70; £3.80, £2.10, £1.30. DF: £95.80. CSF: £279.92. 2min 08.86sec. Nibbs Point finished first but after a stewards' enquiry was placed second.

3.10 (1m) 1, ONLY YOURS (M Roberts, 10-1); 2, Trojan Crown (G Carter, 10-1); 3, Satin Flower (Pat Eddery, 4-9 fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Crystal Path (6th), 10 Zigaura (4th), 25 Miranda Jay (5th). 6 ran. 1½l, 1½l, ½l, 12l, 5l. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £8.50, £2.60, £2.70. DF: £45.90. CSF: £79.07. 1min 40.43sec.

3.40 (6f) 1, SHOWBROOK (B Raymond, 13-8 jt-fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Made of Gold (A Cruz, 13-8 jt-fav); 3, Wilde Rufo (M Roberts, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Computer Kid (4th). 4 ran. 3½l, 2½l, 1½l. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £2.40. DF: £1.80. CSF: £4.19. 1min 14.16sec.

4.10 (1m 2f) 1, STEERFORTH (M Roberts, 14-1); 2, Friedland (A McGlone, 3-1 fav); 3, Almasam (W Carson, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Laxmi, 13-2 Troupe (6th), 8 Silver Braid, Danzarin (4th), Masai Mara, 10 Venus Observed, 14 Hajaim (5th). 10 ran. 6l, 1l, ½l, hd, hd. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £13.30; £3.90, £1.70, £2.40. DF: £35.00. CSF: £52.23. Tricast: £828.81. 2min 06.44sec.

4.45 (6f) 1, HARVEST GIRL (S Whitworth, 10-1); 2, Brecon Beacons (Pat Eddery, 11-8 fav); 3, Super Sarena (S Cauthen, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Saratoga Star (4th), 9 Alight (6th), Special Gallery (5th), 25 Millador. 7 ran. 1½l, ½l, ½l, hd, 3l. G Pritchard-Gordon at Newmarket. Tote: £9.60; £3.30, £1.60. DF: £9.90. CSF: £21.94. 1min 16.80sec

5.15 (2m 24yd) 1, MILLION MILES (M Hills, 7-2); 2, Kaimadene (T Quinn, 9-1); 3, Haltham (W R Swinburn, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Fav Dance Partout (5th), 9-2 Rainbow Trust (6th), 6 Goldina Seeker (4th). 6 ran. Nk, hd, hd, 2½l, 12l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £3.20; £2.00, £2.60. DF: £14.60. CSF: £27.54. 3min 38.44sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £59,198.85 carried forward to Newmarket today). Placepot: £1,126.90.

Bath

Going: good to firm

2.15 (1m 2f 50yd) 1, Hills Of Hoy (C Munday, 11-1); 2, Western Loch (5-1); 3, Priceless Fantasy (11-2). Bronze Runner 3-1 fav. 13 ran. 2½l, 2l. K Bailey. Tote: £12.40; £3.10, £2.20, £2.90. DF: £42.60. CSF: £61.67. Tricast: £310.46.

2.45 (5f 167yd) 1, Photo Realism (D Holland, 4-6 fav); 2, Form Mistress (13-2); 3, A Nymph Too Far (7-1). 7 ran. Nk, 1½l. B Hills. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £2.20. DF: £2.90. CSF: £4.97.

3.20 (2m 1f 27yd) 1, Patroclus (S Dawson 20-1); 2, Pipistrelle (9-1); 3, Fight To Win (8-1). Sandford Springs 4-1 fav. 12 ran. Nk, 1l. R Voorspuy. Tote: £31.50; £4.90, £2.50, £3.60. DF: £82.10. CSF: £180.05. Tricast: £1,436.81. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.55 (5f) 1, Tango Time (R Perham 5-2 fav); 2, Frimley Dancer (4-1); 3, Hallowed Ground (11-1). 10 ran. 1½l, 1½l. R Hannon. Tote: £3.50; £1.70, £1.80, £3.50. DF: £35.60. CSF: £13.26. Tricast: £86.80

4.25 (1m 2f 50yd) 1, River Patrol (D Holland, 5-2); 2, Radical Chic (15-8 fav); 3, Lydia Maria (20-1). 7 ran. 3½l, 15l. B Hills. Tote: £3.60; £2.00, £1.20. DF: £3.90. CSF: £8.75.

5.00 (1m 5yd) 1, Foreign Assignment (B Rouse, 8-1); 2, Glenscar (10-1); 3, Great Gusto (10-1); 4, Valiant Warrior (25-1). Stral's Legacy 7-4 fav. 17 ran. ½l, ½l. G Lewis. Tote: £8.10; £2.30, £2.00, £3.30, £9.70. DF: £40.00. CSF: £80.90. Tricast: £730.74. NR: Sporting Wednesday

Placepot: £277.80.

Photo Realism works hard for first success

PHOTO Realism was backed as if defeat was out of the question in the Evershot Maiden Stakes at Bath yesterday, but made heavy weather of beating Form Mistress by a neck.

The odds-on favourite looked as if she was going to win easily when leading on the bridle at the furlong marker, but failed to produced the expected surge of acceleration and Form Mistress rallied well on the rails.

"She is still green and showed it today," said George Foster, assistant to winning trainer Barry Hills.

Hills and Darryll Holland went on to complete a double with River Patrol in the Limpley Stoke Maiden Stakes.

Hills Of Hoy finally produced the victory he had so often promised when making short work of 12 rivals in the Saltford Apprentice Handicap.

Confidently ridden by Colin Munday, the five-year-old had two-and-a-half lengths to spare at the post over Western Loch with Priceless Fantasy finishing fast to deprive Valtaki of third place.

Hills Of Hoy was a disappointing horse when with Ian Balding but, following successful treatment of a damaged off-hind, now looks ready to make up into a dual-purpose performer for his new trainer Kim Bailey, who is currently on holiday in Portugal.

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A rare case of sport influencing the politicians

Ramsamy: future doubt

The transformation in international attitude towards South Africa – readmitted to the Olympic Games on Tuesday – is a reversal of the cliche about politics interfering with sport. In 1991, sport is manipulating South African politics.

While Primo Nebiolo was yesterday disclosing details of South Africa's first multi-racial appearance in an important world event, the athletics championships in Tokyo in six weeks, Amadou Lamine Ba was explaining the philosophy of the African Olympic consensus which recommended South Africa's outright readmission.

"Because there is not yet political franchise in South Africa," Lamine Ba, general secretary of the Supreme Council of Sport in Africa, said, "the democracy of one-man-one-vote that will now be operating in sports administration will be an example and a social force. *That* is why we accepted them."

Nebiolo is inviting officials of the new, unified South African Amateur Athletic Association (SAAAA) to next week's grand prix "golden gala" in Rome as their first introduction back into the fold prior to the championships in August. The deadline for South African entries has been extended a week beyond that of other nations, to midnight of August 22, the eve of the championships, to maximise their scope. "We trust their officials to send genuinely qualified competitors," Nebiolo added.

Until the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) congress has affiliated the SAAAA in Tokyo, its athletes may only compete against Africans in Africa; and there is little scope for that in the interim. Nebiolo revealed that on June 28, a group of 30 leading South African athletes had written him a letter requesting immediate reinstatement, for both practical and political reasons.

In the wake of South Africa's readmission to the Olympic Games, **David Miller**, in Lausanne, examines the problems facing the country's newly-unified sports administration

The letter, signed by prominent competitors such as Matthews Motshwarateu, the top marathon runner, Johan Fourie, the 1,500 metres champion, and Bruce Fordyce, the multiple road-running champion, stated that the majority of athletes believe that the return of South Africa would make a valuable contribution to political unity. It is expected that the South African team in Tokyo will be 40 per cent non-white.

Under IAAF guidance, the constitution of the unified SAAAA specifies equal opportunity not only for athletes but for coaches. The association has established an athletics foundation, with an initial sponsorship of £500,000 by a leading bank. Consultants are studying the cost of the training facility at Soweto which the IAAF has promised; the South African television rights fee for Tokyo will be paid to the African Athletics Confederation for specific aid to South Africa. "We can give a lot," Nebiolo said. "It is easier to find money than ideas."

The IOC has already allocated $2 million through its Solidarity Fund towards South African preparation for the Olympic Games in Barcelona. "This is not for facilities, but to help black athletes to achieve the fitness levels of everyone else,' Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, said yesterday.

Samaranch paid particular tribute to the contribution of Andrew Young, the former United States ambassador to the United Nations, to the apartheid commission's decision on Tuesday. "He advised me some time ago that the United States would be lifting trade sanctions this month," Samaranch said. He expects that within a short time, the majority of leading sports will have re-affiliated South Africa; not only cricket and rugby union, but tennis, table tennis, gymnastics and so on.

Lamine Ba, working in a direct line from the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), agrees that South African sports administration faces a multiplicity of problems, not least the creation of an effective working Olympic committee. It is inevitable, he thinks, that white leadership will initially dominate, as it did in Zimbabwe and other formerly colonial African states, but that black majority administration would come in time.

"The biggest problem is in the minds of the people" Lamine Ba said, "and the establishment on the ground of non-racial policies. The apartheid laws may have gone, but apartheid, in facilities and administration, will continue to a degree because of unavoidable economic discrimination. There has to be a change of spirit among whites, that there *is* a new situation, that training facilities must be available equally to blacks and coloured (mixed race) people."

A difficulty would remain in the training of black sports leaders, previously isolated from international congresses and seminars, a situation having been created comparable to that in, say, Romania, where for 40 years, no one experienced the democratic process. "There is so much to achieve" Lamine Ba said, "such as the constitution of new clubs. The OAU can help, but only when we know what are South Africa's priorities."

The position of Sam Ramsamy, president of the new Olympic committee, remains delicate. He has contributed so much to South Africa's breakthrough from a position of anti-apartheid separatism – in which he was a prime mover for over 20 years – but as an Asian South African, it will be difficult for him, in the election of officers that must soon take place, to maintain his position in the face of a black majority. Yet, at present, there is no obvious black sports leader with Ramsamy's knowledge and experience of Olympic affairs.

Suggestion yesterday that the South African Athletics Congress, the former governing body for blacks now amalgamated in SAAAA, might resist participation in Tokyo and Barcelona, was thought unlikely. Charles Mukora, the Kenyan IOC member, said that black South African athletes would ignore any such recommendation and openly side with SAAAA.

Pressure to get South Africans to starting blocks

Athletes cautious about premature return in Tokyo

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

SOUTH African athletes were not rushing to find their spikes yesterday despite the starter's gun noises coming from the International Olympic Committee and International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF). Sam Ramsamy's recall gun was looking far too menacing.

Elana Meyer, the republic's greatest present-day talent, has bought tickets to watch the world championships in Tokyo and is not yet convinced she should cancel. Dries Votster, the team captain, said: "I am still only training at 80 per cent because it is in the back of my mind that we are going to be disappointed."

On the day following the IOC's decision to readmit South Africa into the Olympic Games, the IAAF was delighted yesterday to receive from the new unified South African governing body, the South African Amateur Athletic Association (SAAAA), an application for readmission. "There is every indication they are preparing a delegation to come to Tokyo," John Holt, the IAAF secretary, said.

The Tokyo organising committee is working on the assumption that 30 South Africans will take part. But Meyer, who would be a gold medal contender at 10,000 metres, had heard nothing. She said: "I have switched to winter training and, when I know for sure that we are taking part, I will start sharpening up." If that moment comes it will be against the wishes of Ramsamy, the president of the National Olympic Committee of South Africa and supporter of the republic's rehousing within the Olympic movement.

The IAAF cannot approve the application for membership until its congress in the week before the world championships. "To compete only 48 hours after the recognition would be obscene," Ramsamy said.

However, he did not fully dismiss the possibility. But Henry Cloete, of the South African Amateur Athletic Congress, which has one third of the vote within the SAAAA, appeared to. "Being accepted back into the Olympics does not necessarily mean immediate participation," Cloete said. To which Holt responded: "I think the pressure will be put on Mr Cloete."

If pressure succeeds, and Primo Nebiolo, the IAAF president, said yesterday that "now the SAAAA have re-applied for affiliation, it is up to them to send a team to compete in Tokyo", there seems little prospect of the republic's athletes making a big impression.

The probable exceptions would be Meyer and Zola Pieterse (née Budd); the possible exceptions Vorster (400 metres hurdles), Myrtle Bothma (400 metres hurdles), Frith van der Merwe (marathon), Johan Landsman (1,500 metres) and Zelda Pretorius (800 metres). Then there is "the Kenyan factor" – the distance runners who spring from nowhere to smash records and win medals. There is confidence in South Africa that its black and Coloured road runners will make a marked impression.

Meyer and Pieterse are first and second in the 1991 world 3,000 metres rankings. In May, Meyer ran a 67min 59sec half marathon, 33 seconds faster than Ingrid Kristiansen's world best.

Realism tempers a nation's joy

From RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

AS SOUTH African athletes basked yesterday in the warmth of the Olympic flame, a note of realism was being sounded that the 1992 Barcelona Games might be out of the reach of many codes.

Gert Potgieter, three times the world record holder in the 400 metres, who captained the last South African Olympic team, in Rome in 1960, warned: "The biggest problem is that our athletes have not been exposed to international competition, and while they are in superb physical condition, they may not be mentally competitive as athletes from other countries."

In spite of the notes of caution, there was no disguising the euphoria that has swept through sporting circles here. Banner headlines in newspapers yesterday echoed the nation's feelings. "The Springbacks", proclaimed the *Johannesburg Star* above pictures of Zola Pieterse (née Budd), running for Britain in the 3,000 metres at Los Angeles in 1984, and of Malcolm Spence, the last South African to win an Olympic medal, finishing third in the 400 metres in Rome in 1960.

"Get set, GO!" was the headline across the front page of *The Sowetan*, Johannesburg's leading black newspaper. It emphasized that, particularly in athletics, future South African teams will no longer be all white, although it will take time in other sports, such as cricket, to bring players to competitive international standard.

Wille Mtolo, a marathon runner with a personal best of 2hr 08min 15sec, had a "wall-to-wall" smile when he heard the news, according to Ray de Vries, his manager. "He will definitely be running the Barcelona Olympic marathon. We've been keeping him on ice for so long now."

South Africa will send a cycling team to Barcelona to gain experience, with the Atlanta Games in 1996 in mind. Men's hockey, badminton, gymnastics, canoeing and equestrian teams will probably not attempt to compete next year. But Kurt Hipper, of the South African Amateur Rowing Association, said: "If we are asked to go to Barcelona, we'll be there – come hell or high water."

Support for SA as World Cup hosts

DUDLEY Wood, the secretary of the Rugby Football Union, yesterday gave his blessing to South Africa hosting the 1995 World Cup. The republic, which has continued to hold International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) status, will compete with New Zealand, Argentina and Canada to hold the event.

Wood believes South Africa could be an ideal choice when the IRFB meets for a final decision on the venue in March.

"We were delighted about the news of South Africa from yesterday," he said. "South Africa has really big grounds and all the facilities needed to host the World Cup. I would have no objection at all to it as the venue." Wood added that England, who last played the Springboks in the controversial tour of 1984, could host a South African tour as earlier as the 1992-3 season.

England's squad, on tour in Australia, would also welcome a chance to pit their skills against the Springboks again. Mike Teague, the Gloucester flanker, one of six England players on the tour who visited South Africa with England seven years ago, said: "I hope that all other rugby players can experience what South African rugby has got to offer in the near future.

"We are playing in a World Cup in October but we still will not know if we are the best even if we beat the current champions, New Zealand. There are always South Africa's hidden qualities. The sooner they return the better and I know I speak for the overwhelming majority of players."

□ The Australian Rugby Union, which has pressed to sustain links with South Africa, anticipates progress within the next month towards their return to the international rugby arena (David Hands writes).

Joe French, the ARU president and chairman, who has defended strongly South Africa's place in world rugby, anticipates clarification of their position following the meeting in Cape Town on August 3 of the steering committee appointed to bring rugby in the republic under a unified, non-racial body.

The South African authorities have given themselves until October to work out a constitution and it is likely that Australia's plans to host the Springboks in a tour next June and July will come to fruition.

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Opening style: Simmons leads the West Indians innings in Darlington yesterday

CRICKET

Lara underlines his Test claims in delightful style

By RICHARD STREETON

DARLINGTON (first day of two; West Indians won toss): Minor Counties, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 255 runs behind the West Indians

AFTER Brian Lara underlined his Test claims with a delightful 82, the West Indian fast bowlers ran into a plague of no-balls yesterday when Minor Counties were left with ten overs to bat. Patterson was called ten times and Allen five as they bowled unchanged.

Patterson showed no sign of his recent leg injury, but was clearly perturbed by his no-ball problem and at one stage Viv Richards walked from first slip to console him. Minor Counties lost three wickets and already face a hard task to avoid the follow-on.

By this time next year, Feethams will be staging county championship matches. With more than 3,000 attending, it was three-quarters full and there could be no criticism of the organisation by the local club. A fortnight ago, 650 runs came in the day during Glamorgan's visit for a NatWest Trophy tie.

These flag-showing fixtures tend to be regarded by touring teams as a mixed blessing immediately after a tense Test match. They do give some cricket to those, however, who have had few opportunities on the tour and bring a lot of pleasure to the spectators.

Lara played the most scintillating innings for the West Indians and Anthony slogged more freely than anyone else. Lara's 82 was sprinkled with 13 fours to different parts, all made with wristy and graceful strokes. He was finally caught at mid-on from a leading edge against Arnold, a medium-pace bowler.

Anthony had 12 fours in his 63 not out. He outscored Viv Richards in an eighth-wicket stand after the captain held himself back until No.9. Richards's delayed appearance had "teased" the crowd every time a wicket fell. He was finally warmly welcomed, but managed only four careful singles in 17 balls before he drove a catch to cover against Neil Taylor.

Lambert and Simmons were both in the category of those needing to make runs and took few risks as they put on 87 for the first wicket. They were out in successive overs to mis-timed strokes. Lambert was caught at mid-off against Evans, an off-spinner, and Simmons lifted a catch to short-midwicket against Greenwood's medium pace. Richardson fell to a good legside stumping as he tried to sweep and Hooper lifted a catch to long-on.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

P V Simmons c Roberts b Greenwood	33
C Lambert b Evans	50
R B Richardson st Fothergill b Evans	29
B C Lara c Greenwood b Arnold	82
C L Hooper c Arnold b Plumb	21
†D Williams run out	3
H A G Anthony not out	63
I B A Allen b Taylor	1
*I V A Richards c Dean b Taylor	4
C A Walsh not out	9
Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 2)	5
Total (8 wkts dec)	300

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-87, 2-87, 3-139, 4-204, 5-218, 6-218, 7-235, 8-282.

B P Patterson did not bat.

BOWLING: Taylor 18-5-59-2; Arnold 19.5-1-69-1; Greenwood 21-7-53-1; Evans 24-7-67-2; Plumb 12-2-50-1.

MINOR COUNTIES: First Innings

G K Brown c Williams b Patterson	10
M J Roberts not out	11
N A Folland c Lambert b Allen	6
J D Love b Love	2
S J Dean not out	0
Extras (lb 1, nb 15)	16
Total (3 wkts)	45

Fall OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-34, 3-38

S G Plumb, *S Greenwood, R A Evans, †A R Fothergill, K A Arnold and N R Taylor to bat.

Umpires: G A Stickley and T G Wilson

S Africans keen to celebrate

WHILE the cricketing world at large absorbs the momentous news from Lord's, domestic attention turns today to the second round of the NatWest Trophy (Marcus Williams writes).

Large crowds, players returning from Test match duty and, it is to be hoped, fine weather will be the order of the day. Followers of Somerset and Warwickshire will have their palates tickled still more if their prolific South Africans, Jimmy Cook and Allan Donald, celebrate their country's return to the fold with match-winning performances against Middlesex and Hertfordshire respectively.

Hertfordshire, the only remaining minor county, after winning a now famous (infamous if you live in Derbyshire) bowling contest, will carry the support of the uncommitted; but they face a formibable task against Warwickshire, the Britannic Assurance championship leaders, who have trounced several minor counties in recent years, among them Hertfordshire by 128 runs last summer.

Hertfordshire have seven players with first-class experience, including their own South African, Michael Voss, who has played for Western Province and has been scoring runs heavily in club cricket for Radlett.

The NatWest represents the last chance of success for several counties, notably Middlesex and Hampshire. Middlesex have been having a wretched time, but they will seek comfort from victories at Taunton earlier in the year, in the Benson and Hedges Cup and Refuge Assurance League, and from Mallender's absence from the Somerset attack because of a groin injury.

Hampshire, who recall Bakker and Ayling, have an attractive tie at home to the holders, Lancashire, who should be at full strength. Southampton will doubtless be packed to the gunwales, as too Hove, where Sussex, bolstered by the return of Alan Wells, entertain Essex.

Randall will open Nottinghamshire's innings with Broad against Gloucestershire, who will choose between the inexperienced De la Pena, Barnes and Gerrard as replacement for the injured Babington.

TODAY'S CRICKET FIXTURES

Tour match

11.00

DARLINGTON: Minor Counties v West Indians.

NatWest Trophy
Second round

10.30, 60 overs

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire.

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Hertfordshire.

HOVE: Sussex v Essex.

OVAL: Surrey v Kent.

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire.

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Lancashire.

TAUNTON: Somerset v Middlesex.

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Glamorgan.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Cardiff: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire. Chelmsford: Essex v Warwickshire. Derby: Derbyshire v Middlesex. Maidstone: Kent v Sussex. Oakham: Leicestershire v Gloucestershire. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Hampshire. York: Yorkshire v Somerset.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Kidmore End: Berkshire v Dorset.

Australian success at Radley

THE Antipodeans, a team composed of players from seven Sydney schools, captured the Silk Trophy at Radley against competition from Eton, Shrewsbury and the host school (George Chesterton writes).

Ayre scored his fourth hundred of the year for UCS, the hosts, in a limited-overs festival in London, but their total of 233 proved inadequate as a devastating stand of 180 in 20 overs between Maitland and Macauley swept King Edward's, Lytham to victory.

Glenalmond, unbeaten in all matches, closed their season with an exciting draw in a two-day match against Sedbergh, whose last player hung on with an injured hand for nine balls.

CYCLING

Confusion as Tour leader crashes

VALENCIENNES (Agencies) – The Tour de France was thrown into confusion yesterday when the race leader, Rolf Sörensen, of Denmark, crashed on the run-in to Valenciennes and, after picking himself up, limped to the finish nearly a minute behind the rest.

He was taken to hospital for x-rays of a suspected broken left collar bone after which his Italian team, Ariostea, announced that they had persuaded him not to continue in the race. It was stated he would be flown to Bergamo for a possible operation.

His withdrawal would put Greg LeMond, the American who won the Tour last year, and who was trailing him by ten seconds before yesterday's 149-kilometre fifth stage started, into the yellow jersey, with the Irishman, Sean Kelly, a single second behind.

But the official result list issued last night still had Sörensen in the overall lead, 9sec ahead of LeMond and 10sec in front of Kelly. This meant that the timekeepers had been merciful on the injured Dane, crediting him with the same time as the bunch even though not even its tail was in Sörensen's sight. Other timekeepers judged him to be 67 seconds behind the stage winner, the Dutchman, Jelle Nijdam, who made a second on the front bunch in the final charge. Kelly was in this group and LeMond a further 7sec back. On paper it looked as if the American had seized the *maillot jaune* again, but the organisers were playing safe.

Jean Marie Leblanc, the race director, said nobody would wear the yellow jersey in today's sixth stage from Arras to the Channel port of Le Havre. "As far as we are concerned, Sörensen finished the stage and keeps the jersey," he said. "We will only know on Thursday morning when the controls are carried out that he has abandoned. There will be a new leader but he will not wear the jersey."

If LeMond, no longer the hunter but now the hunted, fills that role, it may not be for long. Several flat stages remain and these are to Kelly's advantage.

TOUR DE FRANCE DETAILS

FIFTH STAGE: (Reims to Valenciennes, 149km): 1, J Nijdam (Neth, Buckler), 3hr 17min 38sec; 2, R Stumpf (Ger, Histor), at 1sec; 3, O Ludwig (Ger, Panasonic); 4, A Kappes (Ger, Histor); 5, V Ekimov (USSR, Panasonic); 6, J Museeuw (Bel, Lotto); 7, H Redant (Bel, Lotto); 8, S Kelly (Eire, TVM); 9, U Raab (Ger, PDM); 10, E Vanderaerden (Bel, Buckler), all same time. Other placings: 15, C Chiappucci (It, Carrera), at 8sec; 18, G LeMond (US, Z); 25, R Miller (GB, Z), same time; 30, S Yates (GB, Motorola), at 13sec; 69, M Earley (Ire, PDM), same time; 190, L Roche (Eire, Tonton Tapis), at 51. Overall standings (after five stages): 1, R Sörensen (Den, Ariostea), 19hr 38min 08sec; 2, LeMond, at 9sec; 3, Kelly, at 10; 4, E Breukink (Neth, PDM), at 18; 5, J Abdujaparov (USSR, Carrera), at 27; 6, R Dhaenens (Bel, Panasonic), at 37; 7, B Cornillet (Fr, Z), at 49; 8, M Vermote (Bel, RMO), at 58; 9, R Alcala (Mex, PDM), at 1min 06sec; 10, R Jaermann (Switz, Weinmann), at 1:22. Other standings: 44, S Bauer (Can, Motorola), at 2:30; 48, Chiappucci, at 2:33; 50, Miller, at 2:34; 53, Yates, at 2:36; 54, G Bugno (It, Gatorade), at 2:37; 60, P Delgado (Sp, Banesto), at 2:42; 74, Earley, at 2:54; 198, Roche, at 27:41.

TODAY: Arras to Le Havre, 259km.

NETBALL

England stage revival

SYDNEY – England recovered from a surprise early deficit to beat Wales 47-30 in the world championships here yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). With Rhian Jones and Kim Lemon in excellent form, the Welsh took a 12-6 lead at the end of the first quarter, and managed to retain the six-goal advantage until, leading 15-9, they were overhauled by an impressive England recovery.

The English scored 14 times without reply with Jesslyn Parkes and the captain, Kendra Lowe, providing a firm foundation for their colleagues' attacks, although their momentum was slightly lost when Yvette Foster, suffering from nausea, had to be replaced by Sharon Fogarty at three-quarter-time.

RESULTS: Sri Lanka 53, Singapore 46; Australia 76, Malaysia 27; New Zealand 86, Republic of Ireland 26; Jamaica 67, Canada 39; Papua New Guinea 62, Vanuatu 44; Fiji 57, Western Samoa 53; Northern Ireland 57, Hong Kong 33; England 47, Wales 30.

Matches played 6th July 1991

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Low scores in first round at the Scottish open championship at Gleneagles

Ballesteros gives value for money

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SEVERIANO Ballesteros was in an accommodating mood at the Gleneagles Hotel yesterday. He provided the spectators with marvellous value for their £9 admission charge by fashioning a first round of 63, seven under par, on the King's course and he made a pact with a press tent colleague to wear a kilt if he wins the Open Championship at Royal Birkdale. In this form, he should be looking sartorially elegant on Sunday week.

For Ballesteros, who shares the lead with Mark Roe, the last two months have been like a watershed. If there is an elixir in golf, it is a hot putter. The Spaniard has one again although it still needs a magician to wave the wand. "I'm making the putts out there which takes away all the pressure," Ballesteros said. "It makes all the difference."

It also helps if you strike the ball with the authority that Ballesteros did at the eighth where he hit a five-iron to four feet and at the 11th. There, his three-iron left the ball five feet from the hole. He had a two at each of the four par threes.

This time 12 months ago, Ballesteros was wondering where the next birdie might come from let alone eight in one round. He has begun his last five tournaments in Europe with scores of 63, 67, 66, 62 and now 63 again. He is 57 under par for his last 17 rounds on the Tour.

Ballesteros, however, remains wary when talking of the possibility of breaking 60: "I have shot 59 many times. In my dreams! I do dream about golf. I dream of holing second shots. I dream of winning by 20 shots. Then I wake up."

There is no reason why the King's course should not yield a 59 especially in yesterday's conditions. A gentle breeze offered little in the way of additional protection as José María Cañizares, of Spain, and Mark McNulty, of Zimbabwe, emphasised. Cañizares came back in 30, gathering three birdies and one eagle for a 64, and McNulty had an outward half of 30, in which he extracted five birdies in six holes from the fourth, on the way to a 65.

Cañizares has been consistently unspectacular this season. He is 51st in the Johnnie Walker Ryder Cup points list although he has not given up retaining his place in Europe's team for the match against the United States in September. "You must never stop trying," he said. He had six birdies in all and an eagle at the 18th where his five iron approach finished two feet from the cup. Danny Mijovic, of Canada, also scored 64.

McNulty has every reason to feel satisfied. It was his first competitive round for two months after a cartilage operation on his right knee. His absence has done nothing to diminish his putting stroke. He holed from 30 feet for a two at the fifth and from 40 feet at the ninth.

Roe, who won the Catalan Open in 1989, has earned only £47,635 so far this season. He had six birdies and an eagle in his 63.

Howard Clark, making a welcome return to the leader board, scored 65, a popular figure, and Nick Faldo finished with a 66. He had four birdies in his last five holes. Ian Woosnam, the defending champion, took 69 as did José-María Olazábal.

☐ RONAN Rafferty will not appeal against his fine of £5,000 for his disappearing act from the US Open last month. Rafferty refused to discuss the issue at Gleneagles yesterday after the announcement by the PGA European Tour that his conduct in the US was "likely to injure or discredit the reputation of the Tour".

Scores from Gleneagles

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

63: S Ballesteros (Sp), M Roe. 64: J-M Cañizares (Sp), D Mijovic (Can). 65: H Clark, C Montgomerie, M James, M Davis, D A Russell, M Lanner (Swe), M McNulty (Zim), C Parry (Aus). 66: P Hoad, R Hartmann (US), J Haeggman (Swe), W Longmuir, B Lane, C Rocca (It), P O'Malley (Aus), J Quiros (Sp), S Bennett, E Romero (Arg), E Darcy, N Faldo, S Richardson.

67: S Torrance, G Brand Jr, B Langer (Ger), K Waters, P Senior (Aus), J Rivero (Sp), K Walker, P Walton, A Johnstone (Zim), R Claydon, J Hawksworth, F Nobilo (NZ). 68: W Grant, R Boxall, J Huston (US), A Magee (US), B Gallacher, H Baiocchi (SA), M Moreno (Sp), D Williams, A Lyle, * R Muntz (Neth), D Gilford, J White, M Martin (Sp), M Harwood (Aus), G Levenson (SA), C Mason, S McAllister, C Williams.

69: A Binaghi (It), P Price, A Sorensen (Den); D Smyth, R Davis (Aus), D Cooper, J Bland (SA), K Stables, A Charnley, J-M Olazábal (Sp), D James, J Rutledge (Can), D Hammond (US), D Feherty, G Day (US), C O'Connor Jr, B Barnes; R Drummond, I Woosnam, M Clayton (Aus), J Spence. 70: * C Everett, M Poxon, J Chillas, S Bowman (US), J Morgan, B Marchbank, M Kuramoto (Japan), J D Blake (US), R Gamez (US), M Hoegberg (Swe), P Curry, M Miller, G Morgan (US), M Piñero (Sp), J Meggert (US), P McWhinney (Aus), O Debson (Fr), M Persson (Swe).

71: G Turner (NZ), Y Kuramoto (Japan), M McLean, A Saavedra (Arg), T Weiskopf (US), P Fowler (Aus), S Hamill, J Hawkes (SA), E Dussart (Fr), P Parkin, V Singh (Fiji), S Martin, M Farry (Fr), M Brooks (US), M Mackenzie, S Luna (Sp).

IAN STEWART

A starter for 63: determined Ballesteros at the first tee

Swedes build a one-stroke lead over England team

By PATRICIA DAVIES

THE West course at Wentworth is a track to test the best and yesterday, in the first qualifying round of the European women's team championship, a mere four players broke par as 13 countries were put through the unique agonies of team stroke-play.

The Swedes, who perhaps have a more masochistic streak than many more hedonistic nations, performed their task with relish and led England, also traditional relishers of adversity, by one stroke with a total of 387, 12 over par.

Four of the Swedes are at college in the United States and four of them shot solid rounds of 78, while Maria Bertilskold matched the par of 75.

Joanne Morley, of England, petrified on the first tee at the thought of her European debut, proved nerveless enough after that and her 74, one under par, was invaluable. The individual honours, however, went to Silvia Cavalleri, of Italy, the British girls' champion.

A budding architecture student from Milan, aged 18, Cavalleri had few problems with the course's length (6,122 yards) and fast greens (9.3 on the stimpmeter) as she constructed a 71, four under par. Out in 38, one over par, after a double bogey six at the 7th and a birdie at the 9th Cavalleri came home in 33 with birdies at the 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th, where she chipped in, and 17th, where she chipped to an inch.

The Italian coach is Federica Dassu and, with her usual excellent command of the English idiom, her assessment of Cavalleri's performance was succinct: "Bloody good". Dassu, a technical player herself, obviously recognises that it is not always necessary to blind her charges with science.

The bad luck tale of the week belongs to the Belgians. They were reduced to five players, all of whose scores must count, when Catherine Pons, posing for a photograph after the opening ceremony, took a step too far back, fell over a concrete traffic bollard and broke her left arm. She was not, she claimed, usually accident-prone.

QUALIFYING SCORES

FIRST ROUND (* indicates non-counting score): 387: Sweden (M Bertilskold 75, C Eliasson 78, A Gottmo 78, C Hjalmarsson 78, P Rigby 78, *A Sorenstam 82). 388: England (J Morley 74, L Fletcher 77, C Hall 78, F Edmond 78, J Hall 81, *N Buxton 87). 391: Italy. 392: Scotland (J Moodie 77, A Rose 78, C Lambert 79, M Wright 79, E Farquharson 79, *F Anderson 81). 396: Spain. 398: France. 402: Ireland (E Higgins 79, M McKenna 79, E R McDaid 80, C Hourihane 81, D McCarthy 83, *L Callan 86). 405: Denmark; Germany; Wales (L Dermott 78, V Thomas 78, J Foster 79, A Perriam 84, S Mountford 86, *H Lawson 87). 415: Netherlands. 419: Switzerland. 424: Belgium.

Allure of three old troupers

THEY may not be as trim round the waist as they were in their pomp, their long irons not quite as long, their putting is, maybe, a little ragged from time to time. But the allure of some of the names on the scoreboard of the British Senior Open, which starts at Royal Lytham and St Annes today, remains as strong as ever (Mel Webb writes).

In particular, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Bob Charles, who between them have won 17 major championships and countless others worldwide, each with 30 years experience.

They were unanimous yesterday that it was wonderful to be back at Lytham, where Player and Charles have won Open Championships, and pretty wonderful, too, to be among old friends again.

Player, the defending champion who has won this tournament twice in its four years, is probably the favourite this week.

RUGBY UNION

Early try-burst puts England on winning way

Victoria President's XV .. 9
England XV 26

From DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
MELBOURNE

OLYMPIC Park staged one of those matches last night when it is difficult to know who has the hardest task — the player or the spectator. The difficulties for two sides seeking some form of cohesion were compounded by the steady downpour which arrived an hour before the kick-off and never relented; but when a side scores three tries within 13 minutes of the start it is easy to settle back and demand a constant stream of points, heedless of conditions.

In winning by three goals and two tries to a goal (in injury-time) and a penalty goal, England were never threatened at any stage. But theirs was the traditional curate's egg of a game, strong on promising individual displays but short of the confidence which comes from familiarity and hence the ability to seize opportunity by the scruff of the neck.

Twice in the second half tries appeared inevitable but each time the ball-carrier looked for support; a third time David Campese defended quite intuitively against Hodgkinson and Hunter, who did everything right in a two-to-one situation yet still could not beat the talented Australian wing. His reading of the game remains as instinctive as ever and, even in such unpromising circumstances his commitment to a scratch XV did him considerable credit.

Two of England's novices will have benefited by their trip to Melbourne: Bayfield, all 6ft 10in of him, dominated the lineout to such an extent that England won that phase 30-12. Aided by excellent throwing from Olver, who led by example throughout, Bayfield's confidence will have soared, as will Hunter's, who played with great strength and not a little skill.

Oti served notice that he is ready for work, one mazy run drawing particular praise from the tour management, though you are never sure that Oti himself knows exactly where he is going. There was a reminder, too, from Rees that his faithful support may yet serve England well, and he was competing against no mean opponent, since Williams, the Victorian captain, is being touted for a place in Australia's World Cup squad, despite his New Zealand birth.

Not that the President's XV was exactly local in flavour: the sole Victorian was Sanders, the centre, so it was with great glee that he scored the final try from Knox's chip ahead. That helped his side to the satisfaction of scoring point for point in the second half, and England will worry slightly that they gave away too many promising positions by conceding penalties, an old failing which has not been apparent in recent times.

Before the ball became slick with rain it all looked so simple: Morris tore great holes in the defence and unselfishly put Hunter over in the corner. Rees dropped on a poor tap-down at a lineout and an intricate midfield move born on a wing and a prayer brought a benison for Hopley — who, as a consequence of his theology studies, is irreverently nicknamed "the Bishop."

But the Victorian team composed itself and started to compete for possession, though they were not strong enough to prevent England making 20 metres from successive scrums with Richards finishing off with the try that put England 20-3 up at the interval. Thereafter, a simple game was over-complicated; some neat touches by Pears were rewarded by a try from a scrum, but a really high-scoring finale remained tantalisingly out of reach.

SCORERS: Victoria President's XV: Try: Sanders. Conversion: Knox. Penalty goal: Knox. England XV: Tries: Hunter, Rees, Hopley, Richards, Pears. Conversions: Hodgkinson (3).

VICTORIA PRESIDENT'S XV: T Kelaher (Randwick); C Smith (Moorabbin), P Gascoigne (Moorabbin), R Sanders (Moorabbin), D Campese (Randwick); D Knox (Randwick), A Fraser (Melbourne Harlequins); E Rodriguez (Warringah), M Alp (Powerhouse), N Raituna (Moorabbin), D Williams (Eastern Suburbs, captain), T Kava (Randwick), S Hughes (Melbourne Harlequins), K Stout (Kiwi-Hawthorn; rep: P Cullinan, Powerhouse), T Coker (Western Suburbs).

ENGLAND XV: S Hodgkinson (Nottingham); I Hunter (Northampton), D Hopley (Wasps), S Halliday (Harlequins), C Oti (Wasps); D Pears (Harlequins), D Morris (Orrell); P Rendall (Wasps), J Olver (Northampton, captain), J Probyn (Wasps), M Skinner (Harlequins), N Redman (Bath), M Bayfield (Northampton), G Rees (Nottingham), D Richards (Leicester).
Referee: M Keogh (ACT).

Legge makes the ghosts disappear

ACT 3
Wales XV 7

From a CORRESPONDENT
IN CANBERRA

THE ghosts of 1978, when the then grand slam-winning Welsh side went down to an unexpected 21-20 defeat at the Manuka Oval here were much in evidence yesterday, but most of them got washed away in the incessant rain.

Winning was vital for Wales after their 35-24 defeat against Queensland last weekend and they scraped through with a first-half try by their No. 8, Sean Legge, and a second half penalty goal from the stand-off, Neil Jenkins.

Jenkins: penalty success

ACT were always in with a chance in a game Wales could have, but never looked likely to, lost. Their forwards took time to settle, but by the end were well in command. Glyn Llewellyn, in the second row, and Mark Davis, the uncapped prop, did enough to give them a chance of selection against Australia next week.

Llewellyn's presence at the front of the lineout was a key factor in the Welsh effort and they turned around a 22-8 deficit against Queensland to emerge 29-18 victors.

That fact did not please the home coach, John Kelsey, and neither did the penalty count of 14-7 against his side. That, he felt, was excessive.

Andrew Apps, the full back, gave ACT the lead after nine minutes with a penalty goal, but Legge's try tipped the balance. The only other score was Jenkins's penalty goal midway through the second half, but it was enough to earn a second tour win.

SCORERS: ACT: Penalty goal: Apps. Wales: Try: Legge. Penalty goal: Jenkins.
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY: A Apps; C Newman, A Fulivai, B Girvan (captain), A Goodwin; P Cornish, T Louden; L Donnellan, J Taylor, G Didier, M McInnes, C Sweeny, J Ross, P Stejskal, D Carline (rep: J Pead).
WALES XV: A Clement (Swansea); I Evans (Llanelli), S Gibbs (Neath), S Lewis (Pontypridd), I Jones (Llanelli); N Jenkins (Pontypridd), R Jones (Swansea, captain); M Davis (Newport), K Waters (Newbridge), P Knight (Pontypridd), Glyn Llewellyn (Neath), P Arnold (Swansea), E Lewis (Llanelli), S Legge (Glamorgan Wanderers), R Collins (Cardiff).
Referee: P Thomas.

MOTOR RACING

Formula One on breadline

By NORMAN HOWELL

OF THE 18 teams contesting the Formula One world championship, only four are unencumbered by financial worries. The remaining 14 will have to scrimp and save, duck, dive and beg just to reach the end of the season with enough money to finish somewhere half decent in the standings. That in turn will enable them to try to obtain sponsorship for next year.

There is nothing new in this, except that we are constantly being told that Formula One is the richest of all sports, watched by millions on television worldwide, the cars a perfect vehicle for sponsors who want to publicise their name.

The reality is quite different. Of the "big four", only two, Ferrari and McLaren, are free of financial constraints in the medium term, Ferrari because it is owned by the Fiat automotive group, McLaren because of the backing of Marlboro, the cigarette company. Benetton and Williams are independent and have to look for sponsors like everyone else, though their deals with engine manufacturers — these teams do not pay for their engines — relieve some of the burden.

How do the others manage? With great difficulty. Only last week Brabham, one of the great names of British motor racing, was offered for sale to an Italian industrialist. This came as a surprise to many as the team's engine supplier, Yamaha, was known to have injected about £4 million into the team's coffers. The trouble was that Brabham owed a lot from the previous year, and so, by the time it had been paid off, there was not much of an operating budget.

This is common in Formula One. The Larrousse team is in receivership, after Gerard Larrousse, the owner, only just managed to hold it together till the end of the year after a trip to Japan yielded a little cash. His liquidity problems affected his engine supplier, Brian Hart, who in turn was very close to stopping the servicing and delivery of engines.

The same story, more or less, can be told of AGS, the other French team on the grid. Until it was bought recently by another group of Italian businessmen, there was serious talk of a merger with Larrousse. Then there is Leyton House, strongly rumoured to be folding at the end of the year, and Minardi, which, despite racing with a Ferrari V12, is still struggling with the meagrest of budgets. Spare also a thought for Coloni who have not scored a point in 13 races. They have travelled to 13 different circuits, packed and unpacked racing cars only to find their stay ends at 9am on Friday mornings, at the end of prequalification.

YACHTING

Challengers date delayed

By BARRY PICKTHALL

FACED with the withdrawal of Japan's Bengal Bay challenge from next year's America's Cup series, coupled with the probable demise of Peter de Savary's promising but penniless British campaign, the challengers have been forced to put back the start of their series by almost a month.

Dr Stan Reid, the chairman of the challenger's committee, said yesterday: "Because of the unfortunate withdrawal of probably two of our challengers, and the problems in Yugoslavia which may cause further withdrawals, a change in the first schedule of the Louis Vuitton Cup challenger series is required.

"If the challengers remain at ten or reduce to nine, the Louis Vuitton Cup will commence at the earliest on January 25."

Doubts also remain on the ability of the Soviets to raise the money they need to challenge and the Swedes have raised only 60 per cent of their frugal one-boat campaign budget. "If there are only seven or eight participants, the schedule will commence on February 1," Reid said.

The situation is a far cry from the total of 22 syndicates who registered their challenges with the San Diego yacht club after Dennis Conner's victory in Fremantle back in 1987. However, the change of starting date could be a vital lifeline for the British challenge, for it gives Lawrie Smith's group a month-long breathing space to find fresh capital to complete their part-built boat, which is lying at Cowes.

☐ Comanche Raider won both race honours on the second day of the Dow ISORA race week off Ireland's Eye yesterday.

Over a shortened, 25-mile course, the class one yachts made a clean start and by the time the yachts had reached the Bennet bouy the leader was Elliott Son & Boyton, 200 yards ahead of Comanche Raider. The next downwind leg proved uneventful until rounding Lambay Island where, of the leading pack, only Eagle realised that leaving a wide berth would enable her to keep her wind.

Yet even with this small boost she was unable to stretch a 30sec lead needed to win overall. Comanche Raider stuck to her tail for the next beat and with Elliot Son & Boyton in third, for the second time in succession, the local Humphreys-designed 45ft yacht took both CHS and IOR honours.

RESULTS: Provisional IOR handicap: Third race: 1, Comanche Raider (N and P Riley); 2, Eagle (T Todd); 3, Elliot Son & Boyton (R Keeling); 4, Megalopolis (U Taylor); 5, Taxi (J Anderson). CHS: Third race: 1, Comanche Raider; 2, Hesperia II (B Buchanan); 3, Billy J Whizz (J Collins); 4, Megalopolis; 5, Western Girl (T Oliver-Sheehy).

BADMINTON

BANDUNG: Indonesian open: Men: First round: D Hall (GB) bt Tjok Isal Wai (Indo), 15-11, 15-10.

BOWLS

EASTBOURNE: Woolwich Open Tournament: Singles: Sixth round: J E Meara (Clarkston) 18, D Booth (Parade) 21; R Tuffen (St George's, Morden) 15, G Brown (Motcombe Gardens) 21; J Mears (Hove and Kingsway) 18, J Exon (Epsom) 21; J Grimwood (Hampden Park) 21, V Smith (Princes Park) 15; J Preston (Motcombe Gardens) 21, P Butcher (Burnley) 19; W Elliott (Fosseway) 16, C Haines (Oakham) 21; A Smaff (Newick) 1, M Lukes (Grove, Tunbridge Wells) 21; G Westwood (Baldock Town) 21, T Moss (Larnern) 19.

FOOTBALL

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group B: Uruguay 1, Ecuador 1; Brazil 2, Bolivia 1.

GOLF

OSLO: European boys team championship: First qualifying round: 370: France. 376: Wales (72 B Dredge, 75 M Ellis, 76 J Grundy and C Sheppard, 77 R Price, 81 D Ingram). 378: England (74 R Hussey, 75 S Crick, 76 L Westwood and S Cage, 77 S Drummond and L James); Sweden. 379: Scotland (73 D Downie, 74 S Dundas, 75 C Hislop, 77 N Archibald, 80 B Collier, 82 C MacDougall). 380: Denmark. 382: Ireland (74 S Quinlivan, 76 G Sproule and R Burns, 77 R Coughlan, 79 B Martin, 82 C McEldemy). 383: Netherlands. 388: Belgium. 389: Spain and Italy. 395: Norway. 398: Portugal. 399: Germany. 401: Iceland. 413: Austria. 417: Finland. 428: Switzerland.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Mar del Plata (Arg) 8, New Zealand XV 48; Australian Capital Territory 3, Wales 7 (at Canberra).

SPEEDWAY

POOLE: Sunbrite International match: England 46, Sweden 45, Australia 16.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chelmsford: Warwickshire 301-7 dec (G M Charlesworth 143 not out, T L Penney 65) and 88-2; Essex 252-1 dec (A C Seymour 140 not out, N V Knight 78). York: Somerset 300-8 dec (G D Rose 71, I Fletcher 81); Yorkshire 9-0.
BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Maidstone: Sussex 182-9, Kent 186-8 (M Ealham 84). Kent won by 2 wkts. Leicester: Nottinghamshire 268-4 (M Newell 118, W A Dessaur 95 not out), Leicestershire 250 (M A Crawley 5-54). Notts won by 18 runs. Stourbridge: Glamorgan 300-6 (S P James 74, P A Cottey 66, M J Cann 50; G R Haynes 4-69), Worcestershire 251-8 (R B Croft 4-46). Glamorgan won by 49 runs. Bedford Modern School: Lancashire 205 (N J Speak 75; T Walton 5-35). Northamptonshire 206-4 (A L Penberthy 100, R G Williams 72). Northamptonshire won by 6 wkts.
NCA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Kent 216-9, Isle of Wight 92; Nottinghamshire 221-7, Derbyshire 191-8; Warwickshire 256-8, Leicestershire 90; Yorkshire 186-9, Lancashire 80; Worcestershire 262-4 (H Patel 151 not out), Shropshire 50-2 (Worcestershire won on faster scoring rate).
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bath festival: Essex NSW 307-3 (C Wiseman 118 not out), Scotland 126-8; Cricket 2000 International 36, Bath A 37-0; Bath B 121, Pulteney GS, Adelaide 123-7; Haileybury College, Victoria 208, Denmark Under-18 117. Pocklington festival: Magdalen 181, William Hulme 126-8; Pocklington 180, Chigwell 183-4. Other matches: Reigate 229-7 dec, *Whitgift 189-7; XL Club 205-7 (J Langley 101), *Eltham 175-8; *Bablake 172-5 dec, Warwick 110-5; Christchurch, Perth 181-5 dec, *Bablake 175-2 (M Ward 108 not out).
* denotes home team

WINDSURFING

PBA WORLD TOUR: Men: 1, B Dunkerbeck (Sp), 42.79 knots; 2, E Bertin (Fr), 41.98; 3, T Bielak (Fr), 41.44; 4, E Beltini (Sp), 41.09. British placing: 11, N Lugel, 39.62. Women: 1, B Coquelle (Fr), 38.94; 2, S Renart (Fr), 35.85; 3, M Schalle (Fr), 35.11.

YACHTING

BERGEN, Norway: 470 Women's European championship: Leading positions (after three days): 1, K Danielsen and B Kristiansen (Nor); 2, T Zabell and P Guerra (Sp); 3, J Lidgett and A Bucek (Aus); 4, D Jarvis and R Tribe (GB); 5, P Hackeiger and C Pisso (Ger). Other British: 16, S Rees-Jones and S Carr.

TENNIS

BRISTOL: Challenger tournament: First round: P Nyborg (Swe) bt N Brown (GB), 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; D Rikl (Cz) bt F Michelotti (It), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; S Stolle (US) bt F Fetterlein (Den), 6-1, 3-6, 6-2; M Brown (Aus) bt M Maclagan (GB), 6-4, 7-5; B Stankovic (Cz) bt M Schapers (Neth), 7-5, 7-6; B Joelson (US) bt M Damm (Cz), 6-3, 7-6; A Castle (GB) bt M Ruah (Ven), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4; C Bailey (GB) bt D Dier (Ger), 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; S Partridge (US) bt P Wekesa (Ken), 7-5, 6-1; A Thoms (Ger) bt M Schofield (GB), 7-6, 4-6, 6-1; S DeVries (US) bt M Petchey (GB), 7-6, 7-5; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt D Kirk (GB), 7-5, 6-3; J Rios (P Rico) bt L Lavalle (Mex), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; L Bale (SA) bt M Ondruska (SA), 6-1, 7-5; M Keil (US) bt B Black (Zim), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

BASTAD: Swedish open championships: Men's singles: First round: M Larsson (Swe) bt A Cherkasov (USSR), 6-3, 6-2; T Champion (Fr) bt C Pistolesi (It), 6-4, 6-0; A Mancini (Arg) bt J Bjorkman (Swe), 6-2, 6-1; M Filippini (Uru) bt B Wuyts (Bel), 2-0, ret; D Engel bt C Pioline (Fr), 1-6, 7-5, 6-4. Second round: P Arraya (Peru) bt D Engel (Swe), 7-6, 4-6, 6-4; J Gunnarsson (Swe) bt E Masso (Bel), 7-5, 7-6; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt N Kroon (Swe), 6-4, 6-7, 6-1.

GSTAAD: Swiss open tournament: Men's singles: First round: D Wheaton (US) bt M Rosset (Switz), 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; R Agenor (Haiti) bt G Perez-Roldan (Arg), 6-4, 6-4; K Novacek (Cz) bt A Chesnokov (USSR), 6-0, 6-2; S Bruguera (Sp) bt W Masur (Aus), 7-5, 6-4; M Stich (Ger) bt C Suk (Cz), 6-1, 6-2; G Ivanisevic (Yug) bt J Sánchez (Sp), 5-7, 7-5, 6-1; D Vacek (Cz) bt R Jabali (Br), 7-6, 6-0. Second round: M Jaite (Arg) bt G Forget (Fr), 7-6, 7-5; E Sánchez (Sp) bt A Krickstein (US), 6-3, 6-2; H de la Pena (Arg) bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-1, 6-1.

NEWPORT, Rhode Island: Hall of Fame championships: First round (US unless stated): P Lundgren (Fr) bt J Brown, 6-2, 6-0; C van Rensburg (SA) bt S Youl (Can), 6-1, 3-6, 6-1; J Frana (Arg) bt T Mercer, 7-6, 6-2; J Kriek bt B Garnett, 6-2, 6-4; M Kratzmann (Aus) bt D Orsanic (Arg), 7-6, 6-3; M Wostenholme (Can) bt A Nizet (US), 7-5, 6-2.

TOKYO: World tournament: Men: First round: J Courier (US) bt T Ho (US), 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; P McEnroe (US) bt T Witsken (US), 6-4, 6-2. Women: First round: K Maleeva (Bul) bt A Huber (Ger), 6-3, 6-2; G Sabatini (Arg) bt S Sloane (US), 6-3, 6-0.

LTA NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS: Aberdare Cup: Millfield bt Withington, 4-2; Bedford bt Loughborough, 3-3 (30-28); Clifton bt Edgbaston, 4-2; Sevenoaks bt Ipswich, 4-2; Repton bt Wycombe Abbey, 4-2; Sutton bt Chosen Hill, 3-3 (28-24); Queenswood bt Brighton, 6-0; Central Newcastle bt Wakefield, 5-1; Bedford bt Withington, 3-3 (30-28); Millfield bt Loughborough, 6-0; Clifton bt Ipswich, 5-1; Sevenoaks bt Edgbaston, 4-2; Chosen Hill bt Wycombe Abbey, 3-3 (28-28); Repton bt Sutton, 5-1; Brighton bt Central Newcastle, 4-2; Queenswood bt Wakefield, 6-0. Glanvill Cup: Repton bt Southend, 6-0; Marlborough bt The Perse, 6-0; Millfield bt St Cyres, 6-0; St George's bt Wolverhampton, 4-2; Bromsgrove bt Nottingham, 3-3 (27-25); Sevenoaks v King James', 5-1; St Paul's bt Hymers, 6-0; Richmond bt Pensby, 6-0; Southend bt The Perse, 5-1; Millfield bt St George's, 5-1; St Cyres bt Wolverhampton, 5-1; Bromsgrove bt King James', 6-0; Sevenoaks bt Nottingham, 4-2; St Paul's bt Richmond, 3-3 (34-31); Hymers bt Pensby, 5-1; Repton w/o Marlborough.

MEDITERRANEAN GAMES

In Athens

ATHLETICS: Men: Marathon: S Quoquaiche (Mor), 2hr 20min 26sec. Discus: L Zerbini (It), 60.10m. Women: Shot: M Ramos (Sp), 17.71m. 400m hurdles: N Bidouane (Mor), 55.13sec.
HANDBALL: Final standings: 1, Yugoslavia, 8pts; 2, France, 6; 3, Spain, 4.
TENNIS: Women: Final: K Piccolini (It) bt P Perez (Sp), 2-6, 6-3, 6-1. Men: Final: S Pescosolido (It) bt M Cierro (It), 4-1 (Cierro ret'd injured).
YACHTING: Men: Laser: F le Castrec (Fr), 11.7pts. Lechner (Div 2): F David (Fr), 12.0. 470: 1, S and P Montefusco (It), 17.4. Women: 470: F Lebrun and O Barre (Fr), 14.7

FIXTURES

GOLF: European women's team championship (Wentworth); Bell's Scottish Open (Gleneagles); British Seniors Open (Royal Lytham and St Annes).
POLO: British open championship (Cowdray Park); Cirencester Champion Cup (Cirencester).
SHOOTING: Combined Services meeting (Bisley).
TENNIS: Bristol Challenger Trophy (Bristol); University match (Queen's Club).
YACHTING: Cutty Sark tall ships race (Milford Haven).

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POLO

Tramontana make their ability count

IN LEAGUE one matches for the British Open, played at Stedham, Sussex, yesterday, Tramontana beat Royal Pahang 19-8 and Labegorce beat Black Bears 14-4 (John Watson writes).

When, in the first minute of the first chukka, Guillermo Caset opened Pahang's account and Mohammed Moiz almost immediately scored another, things looked encouraging for them; but Pahang stand at the bottom of the league and Tramontana are nudging the top, and the latter moved into an 11-2 lead by half-time.

Santiago Gastambide and the French player, Stefan Macaire, led the rout of Black Bears by Labegorce.

At Cowdray Park, in league three, Sladmore beat Santa Fe 8-7.

TRAMONTANA: 1, A Embiricos (3); 2, A Cambiaso (7); 3, C Gracida (10); back, A Buchanan (2).
ROYAL PAHANG: 1, M Moiz (2); 2, G Caset (8); 3, E Trotz (10); back, S Toch (2).
LABERGORCE: 1, A Hine (5); 2, S Macaire (7); 3, S Gastambide (8); back, H Perrodo (1).
BLACK BEARS: 1, W Schwarzenbach (1); 2, M Brown (5); 3, D Smickles (8); back, P Hunt (8).

Meninga obstacle

ST HELENS have emerged as favourites to sign Mal Meninga from Canberra Raiders, but a stumbling block is the £75,000 wanted by Raiders in fee and compensation. Another Australian rugby league player, Laurie Daley, has agreed to play for Wakefield Trinity next season until the start of his own domestic season, on February 1.

☐ The Great Britain amateur Young Lions beat Canterbury 34-12, their third win out of four games in New Zealand. Gary Christie, of Widnes, who for the third time on the tour scored three tries, won the man of the match award.

CYCLING: Keith Reynolds, the Banana-Falcon professional, is in hospital in Majorca after breaking his arm when he was in collision with a car during a training ride.

HOCKEY: A proposal that clubs should pay an increased affiliation fee of £100 plus VAT per team was finally approved at the reconvened annual general meeting of the Hockey Association in London yesterday. The original proposal did not receive sufficient support. Previously, clubs had paid £65 a team.

FOOTBALL: The draw has been made for next season's Rumbelows Cup:

First round: Swansea City v Walsall; Swindon Town v West Bromwich Albion; Torquay United v Hereford United; Cardiff City v Bournemouth; Exeter City v Birmingham City; Shrewsbury Town v Plymouth Argyle; Leyton Orient v Northampton Town; Portsmouth v Gillingham; Barnet v Brentford; Charlton Athletic v Fulham; Watford v Southend United; Leicester City v Maidstone United; Peterborough United v Aldershot; Cambridge United v Reading; Wigan Athletic v Burnley; Wrexham v Scunthorpe United; Chester City v Lincoln City; Blackburn Rovers v Hull City; Preston North End v Scarborough United; Darlington v Huddersfield United; Stoke City v Chesterfield; Rotherham United v Grimsby Town; Bolton Wanderers v York City; Stockport County v Bradford City; Halifax Town v Tranmere Rovers; Rochdale v Carlisle United; Hartlepool United v Bury; Crewe Alexandra v Doncaster Rovers; Mansfield Town v Blackpool. First leg ties to be played week beginning August 19. Return legs to be played week beginning August 26.

☐ Mike Ingham has been appointed as the BBC Radio football correspondent to succeed Bryon Butler, who retired last month.

GOLF: France were spearheading the home countries challenge in the first qualifying round of the European boys' team championship in Oslo. With five of the six cards counting, they were second on 376 to the 370 of the leaders, France. England, winners two years ago, were third with 378, one stroke and one place ahead of Scotland.

EVENING RACING

Kempton Park

Going: good

6.30 (5f) 1, Ski Captain (W Newnes 10-1). 2, Frimley Parkson (9-2 co-fav); 3, Gallant Hope (6-1). Always Ready and Mertola's Pet 9-2 co-favs. 7 ran. ½l, 1½l. P Howling. Tote: £12.10; £3.70, £2.50. DF: £15.40 CSF: £47.85.

7.00 (1m 4f) 1, Master Foodbroker (10-1). 2, Shao Lin (2-1 fav); 3, High Savannah (100-30). 7 ran. 4l, 3½l. D Elsworth. Tote: £12; £2.90, £1.70. DF: £17.70 CSF: £35.15.

Redcar

Going: good to firm

6.40 (5f) 1, Rare Taste J Carroll (5-2); 2, Spanish Performer (33-1); 3, Allidare (4-5 fav). 8 ran. 1½l, hd. J Berry. T: £3.40; £1 10, £5 70, £1.80. DF: £38.30. CSF: £58.

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International Cricket Council takes one hour to welcome back an old member to the Test-playing family after a 21-year interval

Cricket readmits South Africa

ALAN WELLER

New comrades in arms: Krish Mackerdhuj, Geoff Dakin, Ali Bacher and Steve Tshwete celebrate South Africa's readmission to the ICC on the field at Lord's yesterday

By Alan Lee
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

AFTER 21 years of stepping sideways, blundering backwards and then groping fearfully forwards, South African cricket yesterday took the final stride to reacceptance by the outside world in something under an hour.

This was all the time required by the International Cricket Council (ICC) to consider the newly-unified cricketing body in South Africa and reward it with immediate readmission as a full Test-playing member. Technically, the vote in favour was unanimous, although West Indies abstained.

South Africa is now free to begin negotiating its first Test cricket since 1970 and it would be surprising if it was long in coming. Participation in the World Cup, in Australasia next spring, is also a possibility, much favoured on marketing grounds by the hosts. Whatever doubts the South Africans might have about resuming their international cricket in this hasty and expedient fashion, they are not going to reject an invitation if it comes their way.

The decision to end the isolation was announced shortly before noon in the Long Room at Lord's. Colin Cowdrey, chairman of the ICC, read a brief statement and added: "We have given the South African delegates our good wishes and pledged our support for the years ahead. They have satisfied all the things we hoped and asked for over the years, and much more than that besides."

Cowdrey's ambassadorial role has been influential in the acknowledgement of South Africa's advances by countries who could not, until recently, have contemplated yesterday's events. His background work on the matter has been considerable, yet always discreet, and, even yesterday, he was almost coy in his anxiety to leave the press conference after five minutes.

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Cowdrey said that matters arising from the readmission, such as the position of players serving suspensions for visiting South Africa, would be discussed during the remainder of the conference, which is due to end today. He declined to comment on the voting, other than with an oblique "nem con", yet the credit for dissuading West Indies from casting a cloud over proceedings with a vote against was at least partially his.

The four-man South African contingent was headed by Geoff Dakin, president of the new United Cricket Board of South Africa. Alongside him sat his vice-president Krish Mackerdhuj, a circumstance which would have been impossible even 12 months ago, when Dr Ali Bacher's initiative to bring the racially divided South African Cricket Union (SACU) and South African Cricket Board (SACB) together was in its infancy.

Dakin said it was "a very emotional day". He spoke of being "terribly grateful to be accepted back into the fellowship in an atmosphere of desire". He also apologised for the legacy of disruption and resentment caused by South Africa's policy of rebel tours during the 1980s.

"We did what we felt was right, at the time, to maintain our quality of cricket," he explained. "But I would be man enough to say that, whilst I cannot have regrets, because I was part of the system, I am desperately sorry for any inconvenience we caused."

With that, the big, bluff Dakin said he was rather keen to go and drink some cold champagne with his wife. The others, however, seemed in no such hurry to leave and, an hour later, animated discussions were still being held in various corners of a ground which has been alien territory to South Africa since 1965.

Possibly the most significant catalyst in the breathtaking pace with which the South African game has achieved unity and convinced the world of its honour has been Steve Tshwete. He is the sports representative of the African National Congress (ANC) and he was there at the table yesterday, saying little, seeking no credit. Tshwete has fought bigger personal battles before now, for he spent 15 years incarcerated on an island, but in terms of firm, statesmanlike mediation between two bodies who had been at war, his contribution cannot be overstated.

Tshwete chaired the initial meeting between the SACU and SACB last September. Since then, he has remained in low profile but total control, and Bacher said yesterday: "If I am asked how it has happened so quickly I point to Steve. He has done more than anyone to bring us together and he should go down in history as one of the true statesmen of world cricket."

Bacher paid further tribute to Mackerdhuj and his board: "People like Krish kept cricket alive under horrendous conditions, with not a cent in the bank."

Wilderness is suddenly full of possibilities

BY COMMON consent, South Africa were the strongest side in the world when they last played Test cricket — at home against Australia early in 1970. There were four Test matches, and South Africa won them all by large margins. When they walk out next, wherever it is, it will take them time to find their feet again.

It is a remarkable achievement by Ali Bacher to have captained South Africa in that last Test series and now to have had the vision, patience and perseverence to shepherd them back into the fold. With an average age in the middle twenties, the side he led to victory over Australia was young enough to have had many successful years ahead of them. Mike Procter was 23, Barry Richards, 24, Graeme Pollock, 26 and Bacher, himself 28. Just coming through were Clive Rice and Vintcent van der Bijl, who would have made formidable Test cricketers. Of the six of them only Rice is still playing, and he will be 42 later this month.

From a purely cricketing point of view, tours of South Africa were as enjoyable as any. That one by Bill Lawry's Australians was the fourth I had made, and since the first, with MCC in 1956-7, life in the laager had changed very little. The collective conscience of South Africa's leading cricketers had yet to be stirred, though the game there continued to take its lead from outside, which meant that the spinner was already on iron rations. The pitches, instead of being hard and shiny (Alan Melville, South Africa's captain before and after the second world war, used to say he could have used Durban's as a shaving mirror), were getting rapidly greener.

This was ironic, South Africa having prospered in their early days through their great leg break and googly bowlers. They invariably fielded well, often brilliantly, and, as they will again, they always spawned enough cricketers of zeal (Aubrey Faulkner, Bruce Mitchell, Eric Rowan, Russell Endean, Trevor Goddard, Jackie McGlew, Eddie Barlow), class (Herbie Taylor, Dudley Nourse, Alan Melville, Athol Rowan) and flair ('Jock' Cameron, Graeme Pollock, Colin Bland, Barry Richards, Roy McLean, Hugh Tayfield) to give England, Australia and New Zealand, their only Test opponents until now, a run, or more, for their money.

The Currie Cup, their premier domestic competition, has been effectively sustained by the competitive nature of those taking part in it, and South Africa built up a good record against the assortment of unofficial visiting sides. That only Lawrence Rowe's West Indians got their measure, in 1982-3 and 1983-4, was a warning the South Africans, themselves, will hardly have needed.

Of those unofficial tours, I saw parts of two — the South African Brewery XI's in 1982, when Graham Gooch was captain, and the English XI's, captained by Mike Gatting, at the start of last year. It suited their critics to say that both sides were made up of pensioners; but that was by no means true. That both of them played so poorly was due only partly to the opposition: a troubled conscience seemed to me to be an important, albeit invisible, factor.

Of South Africa's best cricketers from their wilderness years, many have been seen in English county cricket, some of whom, of course, have played for England. They give a fair idea of the standard to be expected of future South African sides, once they have had the chance to settle down.

Besides Barlow, Procter, Richards and Lee Irvine of the 1970 side, there have been Rice, Van der Bijl, Peter Kirsten, Ken McEwan, Kepler Wessels, Garth le Roux, Roy Pienaar, Hylton Ackerman, Rodney Ontong and Paddy Clift, all thoroughly good cricketers. The two Greigs, Tony and Ian, the two Smiths, Christopher and Robin, and Allan Lamb have appeared, or still do, for England, not to mention the dear old catalyst himself, Basil D'Oliveira.

Playing in the championship at the moment are Allan Donald, who, beside heading the first-class bowling averages, carries the tag of "the world's fastest white man", and Jimmy Cook. They are among those to whom yesterday's news will come as a lifting of the clouds from the hill, as the end of a long, dark night, as the breaking of chains.

As a direct result of South Africa's successes over Australia, under Peter van der Merwe in 1966-7 and Bacher in 1969-70, enthusiasm for cricket was spreading, for the first time, through the Afrikaans-speaking, rugby-playing schools of the republic. Now that candles have been lit in the townships as well, South Africa's readmission to world cricket holds out wonderful possibilities. Many have worked tirelessly towards it but to Dr Bacher, most of all, the game of cricket is indebted.

Tayfield: player of flair

Player hails decision

GARY Player, one of golf's great names for almost 40 years and a ceaseless fighter against apartheid in his native South Africa, described the International Olympic Committee's decision on Tuesday as "a bad dream that is over" (Mel Webb writes).

Player, in England to compete in the British Senior Open this week, said: "This news is like winning a major championship for me. Great athletes in all sports, black and white, have been prevented from competing internationally because of government policy.

"It's important, though, that one must never look back with hatred. We must now look for great leadership in our country so there can be jobs, food, education and a place in the sun for everybody."

Bacher realises his dream

By Alan Lee
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THERE are many moments in sport which bring a lump to the throat, but they seldom occur around an oak table piled high with microphones and tape recorders. It happened yesterday when, for a fleeting second, the loquacious man who has guided South African cricket out of a political wilderness was so filled with the emotion that he simply could not speak.

Dr Ali Bacher swallowed hard, wiped away a tear and felt the hand of a friend on his shoulder, a friend who until recently was on the opposite side of an apparently impossible divide. Glancing quickly at the smiling Krish Mackerdhuj, Bacher managed to say: "This has got to be the happiest day of my life."

Only those who know what Bacher has been through these last 21 years could fully appreciate the moment. Only those who know the endless days Bacher has spent on his beloved development programme, in wretched and hopeless townships with no knowledge of sport, could have any idea why this educated man, who led South Africa when last they played Test cricket, was so close to breaking down.

"I could not sleep last night," he admitted after yesterday's first day of the International Cricket Council (ICC) annual meeting. "I kept rubbing my eyes and wondering what could go wrong at the last moment. We have been working towards this for many months, but, I can tell you, the heat has really been on in the last few days."

Even before breakfast yesterday, Bacher was employing his diplomatic skills on one final doubt. He telephoned Clyde Walcott, the president of the West Indies board, and spent many minutes in search, if not of support, then at least of compliance. Walcott, who had publicly threatened to vote against South Africa, duly abstained.

Now, in his moment of triumph, Bacher is determined that sudden freedom should not give a false impetus and a heavy fall. "I want us to take things in a smooth, dignified way. Our season starts on October 1 and I do not want a queue of tours on October 2. We have to set the right tone from the start."

Bacher would like to see an ICC touring party, drawn from all the full member nations and accompanied by administrators such as Walcott, make a brief visit to his country this winter, perhaps for two matches. Then, for an initial Test series, he believes it would be appropriate to play one of the non-white nations.

As Bacher looked wearily around Lord's yesterday, a thought sprang to his mind. He looked at his watch. "About now, your foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd, is in Alexandra township with the boys of our development programme," he said. "Their progress must remain the most important thing. On this of all days, we must keep our priorities."

Cricketers celebrate

ALLAN Donald, the Warwickshire fast bowler, was delighted at South Africa's return to Test cricket. "I thought we might be readmitted in two or three years time, but I'm very happy that it has come so soon," he said.

Mike Proctor, who played in South Africa's last Test, against Australia 21 years ago, and now director of cricket at Northamptonshire, said: "This is what South Africa has been looking forward to for a long time. It's fantastic news."

Robin Smith, the South African-born England batsman, also welcomed the news. He said: "I hope England will be among the first to go there . . . being brought up in Durban it has always been an ambition to play Test cricket for England at the Kingsmead ground there."

Losses force Yorkshire to sign an overseas player

By Martin Searby

YORKSHIRE County Cricket Club yesterday agreed to break with tradition and sign an overseas player for next season.

Sir Lawrence Byford, the president and chairman, said after a general committee meeting at Headingley that the club had assets of between £420,000 and £430,000 and was facing a loss this year of about £100,000. "You don't have to be a mathematician to see that if the present trend continues, this great club will be bankrupt," he added.

Byford hoped that members would give him a fair hearing and he will be writing to all members.

"I hope the members will act like Fred Trueman, give us a hearing and stay with us. When I spoke to Fred and told him the desperate state we were in, he agreed to support me and I hope everyone else will follow the example of this great Yorkshireman."

Brian Close and his cricket committee are now charged with finding the right man for the job of leading Yorkshire back to the top, but whoever becomes the first overseas professional to play for the club will have a huge burden on his shoulders.

"Nothing has been decided, although the chief executive and I have been making discreet inquiries to find out which world-class players would be available," Byford said. "But the speculation has so far been wrong, since no one has been approached."

The decision became possible after Yorkshire Television agreed to underwrite the cost of an overseas professional for three years. The county has also decided not to pay to play on grounds away from Headingley after next season, saving £17,000 a year.

"There may be a wonderful tradition on the playing side which has left us a wonderful heritage, but the tradition on the administrative side has left us in the lurch," the president said. Byford also reported that membership figures were down 3,000 over the last four years and were now well under 8,000.

Close: searching

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Lawrence leaves Charlton to join Middlesbrough

By Ian Ross

LENNIE Lawrence, the man who was at the forefront of Charlton Athletic's fight for survival both on and off the football field in recent years, yesterday left the club to take charge at Middlesbrough. Lawrence, whose unbroken nine-year spell at Charlton made him the third-longest serving manager in the Football League, agreed to succeed Colin Todd, who resigned late last month, after travelling to the North East for talks with Colin Henderson, the Middlesbrough chairman.

Michael Norris, the Charlton vice-chairman, said that attempts to block the move would be made unless Middlesbrough agreed to pay an unspecified sum in compensation. Lawrence still had two years of his present contract left to run. Charlton are also angry that the news of Lawrence's appointment was made public two hours before they received official confirmation of his decision to leave.

"Although this is a new and exciting challenge for me, it is a real wrench," Lawrence said. "I just hope that the supporters of Charlton Athletic will understand why I have taken this decision at this time.

"When an opportunity like this comes along, you must grab it with both hands. There is great potential and enormous passion at Ayresome Park."

Having only signed a two-year contract, Lawrence, aged 43, is fully aware that his new club must be seen to make swift progress.

"That is fine by me. I am a man who is guided almost totally by instinct and this move just felt right," he said.

☐ Graeme Sharp, aged 30, the Scottish international forward, yesterday joined Oldham Athletic from Everton in a £500,000 deal after it was made clear to him that the impending arrival of Dean Saunders from Derby County would severely limit his chances of regular, first team football. Saunders is likely to complete his £2.9 million transfer to Everton from Derby County later today.

☐ Manchester City have made a £1.2 million offer for the Tottenham Hotspur forward, Paul Stewart.

☐ The transfer of Mark Wright, the England international, from Derby County to Liverpool for £2.2 million will be completed within the next 48 hours.

☐ Norwich City have signed Rob Newman, the Bristol City defender and captain, for £600,000.

☐ Paul Warhurst, the Oldham Athletic and England under-21 defender, has moved to Sheffield Wednesday for £750,000.

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